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SRI LANKA CRICKET

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to provide for the establishment of Sri Lanka Cricket for control, governance, regulation, promotion, development and administration of cricket in Sri Lanka; to foster the growth of the sport of cricket through principles of good governance, integrity, transparency, accountability, inclusivity and providing equal opportunity; to safeguard the welfare of all participants and protect cricket from corruption and other improper conduct; to provide for the constitution, powers and functions of Sri Lanka Cricket; and to make provisions for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SRI LANKA CRICKET FOR CONTROL, GOVERNANCE, REGULATION, PROMOTION, DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF CRICKET IN SRI LANKA; TO FOSTER THE GROWTH OF THE SPORT OF CRICKET THROUGH PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUSIVITY AND PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY; TO SAFEGUARD THE WELFARE OF ALL PARTICIPANTS AND PROTECT CRICKET FROM CORRUPTION AND OTHER IMPROPER CONDUCT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTITUTION, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF SRI LANKA CRICKET; AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Sri Lanka Cricket Act, No. of 2026.

PART I

ESTABLISHMENT OF SRI LANKA CRICKET

Establishment of Sri Lanka Cricket

2. (1) There shall be established a body which shall be called and known as Sri Lanka Cricket, comprising such number of members as may be registered in terms of the provisions of section 29 under the categories of membership specified in the Schedule to this Act and be the sole authority responsible for the regulation, promotion, protection and development of the sport of cricket in Sri Lanka.

(2) Sri Lanka Cricket shall, by the name assigned to it by subsection (1), be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in that name.

Objects of Sri Lanka Cricket

3. The objects of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be to-

(a) give effect to and adhere to the membership obligations, governance requirements, and decisions of the International Cricket Council (hereinafter referred to as the "ICC"), Asian Cricket Council (hereinafter referred to as the "ACC") and any other association of or to which Sri Lanka Cricket will become a member or an affiliate and the laws of cricket in so far as the same are applicable to Sri Lanka Cricket, and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act;

(b) control, govern, regulate, promote, develop and administer the sport of cricket in Sri Lanka played at all levels including the international level, national level, provincial level, district level, school level and played by different categories of persons, institutions or bodies as may be specified by rules;

(c) foster, encourage and facilitate participation in the sport of cricket by players, sports clubs, schools, associations, officials and all other stakeholders connected with the sport of cricket;

(d) implement, enforce, comply with and give effect to the provisions of this Act and rules made thereunder relating to playing conditions, policies, guidelines and governance standards relating to the administration and conduct of the sport of cricket in Sri Lanka;

(e) establish uniform standards of governance for the members of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(f) protect, promote and advance the interests, welfare, integrity, professionalism and ethical standards of the sport of cricket and all stakeholders connected therewith, including the prevention of doping, corruption, discrimination, harassment, age fraud and all other unethical or unfair practices; and

(g) undertake and promote corporate social responsibility, charitable, educational, cultural, environmental, equality, diversity and social welfare initiatives for the development and accessibility of the sport of cricket and to contribute to the welfare and development of the communities throughout Sri Lanka.

Powers, duties and functions of Sri Lanka Cricket

4. (1) The powers, duties and functions of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be to-

(a) hold annual general meetings within the first six months of each year;

(b) hold special general meetings as and when required;

(c) obtain, maintain, renew or otherwise hold its affiliation with the ICC, ACC and any other associations of or to which Sri Lanka Cricket will become a member, or an affiliate;

(d) refrain from engaging in any act, omission, practice, or conduct that may prejudice,

undermine, jeopardize, or adversely affect its status, rights, obligations, or continued affiliation with the ICC or the ACC relating to autonomous governance, integrity, administration, and regulation of the sport of cricket;

(e) organize, sanction, conduct, regulate and manage local and international cricket tournaments, leagues, matches, competitions, tours and related events in all recognized formats of the sport within Sri Lanka;

(f) develop and improve the quality and standards of the sport of cricket in Sri Lanka, through coaching, umpiring, match officiating, educating, training and introducing examinations, grading systems, high-performance programmes and other technical and developmental initiatives;

(g) represent Sri Lanka Cricket internationally, including membership and affiliation with the ICC, the ACC and such other international cricket or sporting bodies as may be considered necessary or beneficial to the interests of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(h) undertake, implement and promote projects, ventures and initiatives for the sustainable development, commercial advancement and expansion of the sport of cricket and sports-related activities, including sports infrastructure, academies, high-performance centres, sports tourism initiatives, integrated sports development projects and sports city concepts;

(i) hold authority and responsibility as trustee and custodian of the sport of cricket on behalf of the People of Sri Lanka;

(j) register the categories of members of Sri Lanka Cricket specified in the Schedule hereto and suspend, remove or otherwise terminate the membership of any member of Sri Lanka Cricket in terms of the provisions of section 31;

(k) purchase, hold and manage any movable or immovable property or tangible or intangible assets or give on lease, mortgage, pledge, sell or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable property or tangible or intangible assets purchased or held by Sri Lanka Cricket and to grant such rights and privileges thereover in such manner as may be determined by the Board for the purpose of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(l) accept grants, gifts or donations, whether in cash or otherwise and undertake trust from persons or bodies of persons, within or outside Sri Lanka and apply them in the discharge of its functions under this Act and make gifts for charitable purposes;

(m) borrow money, with or without security, on such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Board, for the purposes of Sri Lanka Cricket and to ensure settlement of such money;

(n) charge membership fees and annual subscriptions from different categories of members of Sri Lanka Cricket and fees for tickets, facilities or services provided by Sri Lanka Cricket in

respect of matches, tournaments, events and programmes conducted, or organised by Sri Lanka Cricket, as may be specified by rules;

(o) invest the funds of Sri Lanka Cricket in such securities as the Board may consider fit;

(p) open and maintain current, savings or deposit accounts in the name of Sri Lanka Cricket in any bank or financial institution determined by the Board established under section 5 in any currency as may be determined by the Board;

(q) enter into and perform or carry out, whether directly or indirectly through any officer or agent authorized in writing in that behalf by the Board all such agreements, contracts or investments, joint ventures, strategic alliances, concessions, public-private partnerships, build-operate-transfer arrangements and other commercial, developmental or operational arrangements in Sri Lanka or abroad;

(r) obtain from any foreign governments or any institution or any ministry or department of government or provincial council, local authority or public corporation, any rights, privileges and concessions including any approval, permit, consent, allocation, facility, access or exemption as are necessary for the development, promotion, administration, organization or conduct of the sport of cricket or cricket related activities;

(s) develop, apply for, purchase, or otherwise acquire any intellectual property rights and to use, exploit, exercise, develop or grant licences

in respect of such intellectual property rights on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board;

(t) encourage and promote the adoption of modern turf management of playing surfaces of whatever kind used for playing the sports of cricket in Sri Lanka;

(u) employ officers and employees, consultants, advisors and other personnel to the staff of Sri Lanka Cricket in terms of the provisions of Part VI;

(v) impose financial sanctions through appropriate contractual arrangements with the members of Sri Lanka Cricket, any player, match official or any other person;

(w) provide facilities, infrastructure and support for all members of Sri Lanka Cricket and other stakeholders connected with the sport of cricket, with a view to ensuring the sustainable growth and advancement of the sport of cricket in Sri Lanka;

(x) appoint such number of committees and sub-committees under section 21;

(y) with the approval of the Minister, temporarily assume and exercise all or any of the administrative functions of any Provincial Cricket Association other than the right to vote at any general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket, for such period as the Board may determine; and

(z) generally, do all such other acts and things which may be conducive or incidental to, the attainment of the objects of Sri Lanka Cricket.

(2) The powers, duties and functions conferred on, assigned to or imposed on Sri Lanka Cricket shall be exercised, performed and discharged in good faith and in the best interests of the sport of cricket, its participants and the citizens of Sri Lanka and in accordance with the principles of integrity, accountability, transparency, inclusiveness and public trust.

PART II

ADMINISTRATION, GOVERNANCE AND CONTROL OF SRI LANKA CRICKET

Constitution of the Board of Directors

5. (1) The administration, governance and control of the affairs of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be vested in a Board of Directors (in this Act referred to as the "Board").

(2) The Board shall, for the purpose of administering the affairs of Sri Lanka Cricket, exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions conferred on, assigned to or imposed on, Sri Lanka Cricket under this Act.

(3) The Board shall consist of the–

(a) following Independent Directors who shall be nominated subject to subsection (4), by the Nomination Committee established under section 22 and appointed by the Board:-

(i) a Chartered Accountant who shall be a member of the Institute of Chartered

Accountants of Sri Lanka established under the Institute of Chartered Accountants Act, No. 23 of 1959 whose period of membership in such Institute is not less than fifteen years;

(ii) an attorney-at-law having engaged in active legal practice in Sri Lanka for a minimum of fifteen years;

(iii) a former cricketer of good standing who has played not less than fifteen international cricket matches at any time prior to the period of thirty-six months immediately preceding the date of appointment;

(iv) an Information Technology Professional who shall possess a postgraduate qualification in computer science or information systems, with extensive corporate experience;

(v) a person who possesses a recognized qualification in marketing or global brand management or related disciplines, and has a demonstratable track record in the field of marketing, including experience in the development, management, commercialisation and promotion of brands with significant national or international market presence; and

(vi) two other persons who possess an unblemished reputation, experience

and expertise in the fields of accounting, finance, management, law, information technology, marketing, sports, or governance including persons who have served or are serving in senior executive or leadership positions such as a Chief Executive Officer, a General Manager or an equivalent position, in any public corporation or any company established under the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 or any organization established under any written law; and

(b) seven Elected Directors elected by the members of Sri Lanka Cricket who are entitled to vote at the general meetings of Sri Lanka Cricket.

(4) At least two Independent Directors referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (3) shall be women.

(5) The first Board shall be appointed in the manner and within the period specified in section 9.

The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson of the Board

6. (1) The Chairperson of the Board shall be elected by the majority vote of the members of the Board from among the Independent Directors and the Deputy Chairperson of the Board shall be elected by the majority vote of the members of the Board from among the Elected Directors of the Board.

(2) Where the Chairperson is temporarily unable to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of his office due to ill health, other infirmity, absence from Sri Lanka or any other cause, the Deputy Chairperson shall act as the Chairperson in addition to his normal duties as a Deputy Chairperson. Where the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson are temporarily unable to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties

and functions of their office due to ill health, other infirmity, absence from Sri Lanka or any other cause, the Board may appoint any Independent Director to act as the Chairperson in addition to his normal duties as an Independent Director.

(3) The Chairperson or in the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson of the Board shall represent the Board at any meeting of the ICC, ACC or any affiliated forum and, in their absence, any other Independent Director authorized by the Board in that behalf shall represent the Board at any such meeting.

Disqualifications for being appointed or elected as an Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board

7. A person shall be disqualified from being appointed or elected or from continuing as an Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board, if such person–

(a) is or becomes a member of Parliament, a member of any Provincial Council or any local authority;

(b) is or becomes an officer or employee of Sri Lanka Cricket, a member of the Nomination Committee referred to in section 22 or any office bearer of a member of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(*c*) is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind or incapable of carrying out his duties;

(d) is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be an insolvent;

(*e*) is or has been convicted and sentenced for any offence involving moral turpitude, fraud, dishonesty, corruption or violence to a term of imprisonment of not less than six months by any court of competent jurisdiction or

military tribunal, whether or not such sentence was suspended, within the period of ten years immediately preceding the date of nomination, appointment or election, notwithstanding the pendency of any appeal from such conviction under the written laws of Sri Lanka;

(f) has been previously removed from or required to vacate any office held in Sri Lanka Cricket or any category of members of Sri Lanka Cricket, on disciplinary grounds, for misconduct or breach of duty or any other disqualification specified in this Act;

(g) is or has during the three year period immediately prior to the submission of nominations, functioned as a professional journalist attached to any media organization either as a paid employee or as a freelance journalist in electronic or print media or who is an owner or beneficial owner or co-owner or a major shareholder of a media organization;

(h) is a parent or sibling of a cricket player in any National Pool or in any National Team;

(i) has during the three year period immediately prior to the submission of nominations, functioned as a Match Official or Coach of an individual player or a team in the sport of cricket participating in any cricket tournament conducted or authorized by Sri Lanka Cricket;

(j) is an agent or manager of a cricket player;

(k) is not, or has ceased to be a citizen of Sri Lanka;

(l) is or has, during one year immediately prior to the submission of nominations, been engaged in selling or supplying to Sri Lanka of sports goods, sports gear or any item or equipment relating to the sport of cricket or conducted sports training schools or is involved in providing financial services relating to the sport of cricket;

(m) has or any member of his immediate family (being the spouse, a parent, a sibling, a son, daughter or son-in-law or daughter-in-law) has an interest in betting, gaming or wagering, or in a betting, gaming or wagering organization or is employed in the day-to-day operations of any such organization;

(n) is or has been a person who represented the country in an international sports event with the approval or concurrence of the Minister for an activity related to the sport of cricket and had not returned to Sri Lanka;

(o) being a person who simultaneously holds the office of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of any Member Club or Association of Sri Lanka Cricket or of any other National Sports Association established under the Sports Law; or

(p) has been subjected to any penalty, ban, suspension, prohibition or disqualification imposed by-

(i) the Disciplinary and Disputes Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket appointed under section 21;

(ii) the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency established under section 10 of the Convention against Doping in Sport Act, No. 33 of 2013;

(iii) the World Anti-Doping Agency; or

(iv) decision making authority of the ICC, ACC or any association connected with or related to the sport of cricket affiliated with Sri Lanka Cricket,

in respect of any offence relating to the use of prohibited substances, corruption, betting, match fixing, spot-fixing, or misuse of insider information.

Appointment of the Independent Directors and the Elected Directors of the Board

8. (1) The Nomination Committee referred to in section 22 shall invite applications from eligible persons to be appointed as an Independent Directors of the Board.

(2) Any person eligible under paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 5 to be appointed as an Independent Director, may make an application under subsection (1) within fourteen days from the date of calling for applications.

(3) Where any Independent Director vacates office, the Nomination Committee shall make its nomination within thirty days of any such post falling vacant.

(4) The Nominations Committee shall invite applications for consideration of persons to be nominated for appointment as the Independent Directors in the manner as may be

specified by rules and shall publish such procedures on the website of Sri Lanka Cricket within ten days from the date of the first meeting of the Nominations Committee.

(5) The Nominations Committee shall have the power to select and nominate any person whom it considers fit and proper for appointment as an Independent Director having regard to the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 5 and section 7.

(6) A person who is or has been-

(i) prior to the date of the coming into operation of this Act, elected as a member of an Executive Committee of the National Association of Sports relating to the Sport of Cricket,(hereinafter referred to as the ‘‘Predecessor Body’’);

(ii) elected as an Elected Director of Sri Lanka Cricket; or

(iii) an office bearer of a member of Sri Lanka Cricket,

shall not be appointed as an Independent Director of the Board.

(7) The selection and nomination of an Independent Director shall not be made at any meeting of the Nomination Committee at which a quorum is not present.

(8) The persons selected and nominated by the Nominations Committee shall be appointed by the Board as the Independent Directors of the Board upon the submission of the nominations to the Board.

(9) The Elected Directors shall be elected by calling nominations from members of Sri Lanka Cricket. Such Elected Directors shall be elected by the majority votes of such members who are entitled to vote at the annual general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket. Such calling for nominations and the conduct of the elections shall be in accordance with the rules made under this Act.

Appointment of the First Board

9. (1) The Nomination Committee shall invite applications for consideration of persons to be nominated for appointment as the Independent Directors of the First Board, within a period of forty five days reckoned from the date of the coming into operation of this Act.

(2) The Nomination Committee shall select and nominate persons to be appointed as the Independent Directors of the First Board within a period of one hundred and eighty days reckoned from the date of the coming into operation of this Act.

(3) The Sri Lanka Cricket Transformation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Incumbent Board"), shall appoint the persons nominated by the Nomination Committee as the Independent Directors of the First Board.

(4) The Incumbent Board shall facilitate the election of the Elected Directors of the First Board from among the members of Sri Lanka Cricket, within a period of one hundred and eighty days reckoned from the date of the coming into operation of this Act. Such election shall be made by the majority vote of the members present and voting at the first general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket which shall be held within the period specified above.

(5) The term of office of the First Board shall commence upon the completion of the appointment of the Independent

Directors and the election of the Elected Directors in terms of the provisions of this section.

Term of the Independent Directors

10. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), every Independent Director of the Board shall, unless such Independent Director vacates office earlier by reason of death, operation of law, resignation or removal, hold office for a term of four years from the date of his appointment and unless removed from office, shall be eligible for re-appointment for not more than one further term at the discretion of the Nominations Committee, whether consecutive or otherwise.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), with a view to ensuring continuity in the governance and administration of Sri Lanka Cricket, the Independent Directors of the First Board appointed under section 9 shall hold office for staggered terms as follows: -

(a) two Independent Directors of the First Board shall hold office until the date of holding of the first annual general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket from the date of their appointments;

(b) two Independent Directors out of the remaining Independent Directors of the First Board shall hold office until the date of holding of the second annual general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket from the date of their appointments;

(c) two Independent Directors out of the remaining Independent Directors of the First Board shall hold office until the date of holding of the third annual general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket from the date of their appointments; and

(d) remaining Independent Director of the First Board shall hold office until the date of holding of the fourth annual general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket from the date of his appointment,

and such Independent Directors shall be selected by drawing lots unless otherwise agreed among themselves.

(3) Where an Independent Director of the First Board is re-appointed as an Independent Director of a subsequently appointed Board in terms of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 5 and section 8, such Independent Director shall be appointed only for another one term of four years and shall not be eligible to be appointed for a further term.

Term of Elected Directors

11. (1) Every Elected Director of the Board shall hold office for a term of four years unless such Elected Director vacates office earlier by reason of death, operation of law, resignation or removal from office.

(2) A person shall not serve, whether continuously or intermittently, as an Elected Director for an aggregate period exceeding eight years during such person's lifetime.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), all periods served in office as an Elected Director or Independent Director of the Board, office bearer or member of the Executive Committee of the Predecessor Body, whether occurring prior to or after the date of coming into operation of this Act, shall be aggregated and counted in calculating the period referred to in subsection (2).

(4) A person who has completed eight years of such aggregate period of service in office under subsection (3) shall be permanently ineligible for election as an Elected

Director. A person shall be eligible for re-election as an Elected Director only if, at the time of such election, such person is capable of completing the full term of four years without exceeding the aforesaid eight years maximum aggregate period of service in office.

(5) In the event of the vacation of the office by death, operation of law, resignation or removal of any Elected Director in terms of subsection (2) of section 12, such vacancy shall be filled by election of another Elected Director at a special general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket convened for that purpose within ninety days from the occurrence of such vacancy and such Elected Director shall hold office for the un-expired period of the term of office of the Elected Director whom he succeeds.

Removal, resignation etc., of Independent Directors and Elected Directors

12. (1) Any Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board may, at any time, resign his office by letter addressed to the Chairperson of the Board.

(2) The Board may, for reasons assigned therefor, remove any Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board found guilty of misconduct by the Disciplinary and Disputes Committee appointed under section 21 by way of a resolution adopted by the vote of two-thirds of the Directors of the Board. The vote of two-thirds of the Directors of the Board shall be calculated by excluding the Director against whom the resolution is being considered.

(3) Where any Independent Director of the Board is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office due to ill health, absence from Sri Lanka or any other cause, the Nomination Committee may nominate any suitable person in terms of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 5 to act in the place of such Independent Director. The Board shall appoint such person nominated by the Nomination Committee to act in place of such Independent Director during his absence.

(4) Where-

(*a*) an Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board without notifying his absence in advance to the Chairperson; or

(*b*) the Board removes any Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board under subsection (2),

as the case may be, the Board shall, by resolution request, in the case of an Independent Director, the Nominations Committee to select and nominate a new Independent Director to fill the vacancy in terms of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 5, and in the case of an Elected Director to take steps to hold a special general meeting to elect a new Elected Director to fill the vacancy in terms of subsection (5) of section 11.

Meetings of the Board and quorum for a meeting

13. (1) The quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be seven Directors of the Board of whom at least four shall be Independent Directors.

(2) Where the quorum is not present within thirty minutes from the time scheduled for the commencement of the meeting of the Board, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place, or to such other date, time and place as the Chairperson or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairperson may determine. Where quorum is not present at such adjourned meeting, the meeting shall again stand adjourned in the same manner until such quorum is satisfied.

(3) The Chairperson shall summon all meetings of the Board. At least three days prior written notice of any meeting

of the Board shall be given to the Independent Directors and Elected Directors of the Board:

Provided that, where any matter to be decided by the Board requires prompt and immediate action to prevent any significant harm, loss, disruption, or risk in respect of the sport of cricket, the Chairperson of the Board shall have the power to waive or shorten such notice requirement.

(4) A meeting of the Board may be held, constituting the quorum, either-

(a) by the number of members being assembled at the place, date and time appointed for the meeting; or

(b) by way of contemporaneous audio-visual linkage; or

(c) by the methods specified in paragraphs (a) and (b).

(5) The Chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Board. In the absence of the Chairperson from any meeting of the Board, the Deputy Chairperson shall preside at such meeting. In the absence of both Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, the Independent Directors and the Elected Directors present shall elect an Independent Director from among the Independent Directors present to preside at such meeting.

(6) All decisions at any meeting of the Board shall be made by the vote of the majority of members present and voting at such meeting and adopted by way of a resolution of the Board in the manner specified in section 17. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall, in addition to his

vote, have a casting vote. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson shall in addition to his vote, have a casting vote. If both the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson are absent, an Independent Director elected by the Independent Directors and the Elected Directors present to preside at such meeting, shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote.

(7) The meetings of the Board shall be conducted in conformity with the rules made and procedure established by the Board, from time to time.

Acts and proceedings of the Board deemed not to be invalidated by reason of any vacancy

14. The Board may act, notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board, so long as the number of members of the Board is sufficient to constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Board. Any act or proceeding of the Board shall not be, or be deemed to be, invalidated by reason only of the existence of any vacancy among its members or any defect in the appointment of a member thereof.

Remuneration for attending meetings of the Board

15. Every Independent Director and Elected Director may be paid such remuneration as recommended by the Governance and Integrity Committee appointed under section 21 and approved by the Minister to whom the subject of Finance is assigned.

Conflict of financial or other interests

16. (1) Any Independent Director or Elected Director who directly or indirectly has any interest in any procurement, matter or decision to be considered by the Board shall disclose the nature and extent of such interest at the meeting at which such matter is considered, and such disclosure shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Such Independent Director or Elected Director shall not participate in any discussion, deliberation, or decision-making process relating to that matter and shall abstain from voting thereon.

(2) Any Independent Director or Elected Director who is subject to any investigation in respect of any offence involving moral turpitude or has such other conflict of interest not specifically provided for that prevents the active participation of such Independent Director or Elected Director in the functions of the Board shall be suspended by a resolution adopted by the Board.

Adoption of resolution of the Board

17. Every resolution of the Board shall be adopted by circulating such resolution among the members in advance. No such resolution shall be adopted at a meeting of the Board unless every member of the Board has received the resolution to be adopted in advance.

Hand over documents by immediate past Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Independent Directors or Elected Directors

18. Every Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board whose term of office expires shall hand over all documents relating to the matters of Sri Lanka Cricket to the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson of the Board, as the case may be.

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Authority to sign, execute, attest, etc.. deeds, transfers, conveyances, agreements etc

19. The Chairperson of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka Cricket and any Independent Director or Elected Director authorized by the Board for such purpose, by resolution of the Board, shall be authorized to sign, execute, attest, certify and deliver on behalf of Sri Lanka Cricket all deeds, transfers, conveyances, agreements, contracts, instruments, pleadings, applications, affidavits, bank documents, guarantees, securities, undertakings, corporate filings, correspondence and all other documents, writings and instruments whatsoever required in connection with the affairs, administration, business, operations, rights, obligations and activities of Sri Lanka Cricket.

Seal of Sri Lanka Cricket

20. (1) The common seal of Sri Lanka Cricket shall, when affixed to any document, be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairperson or the Chief Executive Officer together with any Independent Director or Elected Director or

any officer of Sri Lanka Cricket as may be authorized by resolution of the Board.

(2) The Board shall maintain a register of the instruments and documents to which the seal of Sri Lanka Cricket has been affixed.

Appointment of Committees

21. (1) For the administration and governance of each aspect of the affairs of Sri Lanka Cricket, the Board shall appoint the following committees:-

(a) Cricket Committee;
(b) Finance, Audit and Investment Committee;
(c) Related Party Transactions Committee;
(d) National Men's Selection Committee;
(e) National Women's Selection Committee;
(f) Disciplinary and Disputes Committee (which shall consist of persons independent of Sri Lanka Cricket);
(g) Human Resources and Remuneration Committee;
(h) Domestic Cricket Affairs Committee;
(i) International Cricket Affairs Committee;
(j) Governance and Integrity Committee;
(k) Women's Cricket Committee;
(l) Schools Cricket Committee; and
(m) Players' Committee (including a representative from the Players' Association).

(2) The Board shall have the power to appoint any sub-committee as it deems necessary, from time to time.

(3) No person shall be eligible for appointment or re-appointment to a committee or sub-committee of Sri Lanka Cricket, if such person has served a cumulative total of eight years throughout his lifetime as a member of the Executive Committee of the Predecessor Body, a Director of the

Board or an office bearer of Sri Lanka Cricket, a Director or a member of any committee or sub-committee within Sri Lanka Cricket.

(4) The Board shall have the power to appoint persons to any committee or sub-committee, subject to the provisions of section 7.

(5) In making such appointments, the Board shall ensure that the members so appointed shall have good moral and ethical standing and possess the requisite expertise, experience and skills necessary to effectively discharge the responsibilities of the relevant committee or sub-committee.

(6) The composition of such committees or sub-committees may include persons who are not Directors or employees of Sri Lanka Cricket, including persons whom the Board considers capable of contributing meaningfully to the deliberations and functions of such committees or sub-committees.

(7) The Board shall be required to approve and implement written terms of reference for each such committee or sub-committee, specifying its mandate, powers, composition, reporting obligations and such other matters as the Board may specify by rules.

(8) Subject to the provisions of this Act, each committee shall have such powers and authorities as may be approved by the Board in the terms of reference of the relevant committee, including the power to appoint a sub-committee.

(9) The meetings and proceedings of each committee and sub-committee shall be governed by the terms of reference of each committee and sub-committee.

(10) The Chairperson of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer shall have the right to attend any meeting of any committee or sub-committee other than the Disciplinary and Disputes Committee as an ex-officio member thereof, but shall not vote at any meeting of any committee or sub-committee.

(11) Minutes shall be kept of all proceedings at the meetings of committees and sub-committees and summaries of any recommendations arising from those meetings shall be provided to the Board at its next meeting.

PART III

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Nominations Committee

22. (1) The Nominations Committee shall consist of -

(*a*) the President of the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka established under the Institute of Chartered Accountants Act, No. 23 of 1959 or any member of such Institute nominated by the President of such Council;

(*b*) the President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka or any member of such Association nominated by the President such Association;

(*c*) the Chairman of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce incorporated under the Chamber of Commerce Ordinance (Chapter 289) or any member of such Committee nominated by the Chairman of such Committee;

(*d*) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Sports under Article 44 or 45 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or the Director-General of the Department of Sports Development or an officer of such Ministry not below the rank of the Director-General nominated by such Secretary;

(*e*) the Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Institute of Directors or any member of such Institute nominated by the Chairperson thereof;

(*f*) the President of the Committee of the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing incorporated under the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (Incorporation) Act, No. 41 of 1980 or any member of such institute nominated by the President of such Committee, and

(*g*) the Chairman of the National Sports Council established under section 4 of the Sports Law or any member of the National Sports Council nominated by the Chairman thereof.

(2) Where a person has been nominated as a member of the Nominations Committee under subsection (1), the person making the nomination shall ensure that the nominee is-

(*a*) a person of good moral standing and character;

(*b*) a person of eminence, possessing recognized qualifications and substantial experience in the relevant field; and

(*c*) not subject to disqualifications in terms of section 7.

Disqualification for functioning or to be nominated as a member of the Nomination Committee

23. A person shall be disqualified from functioning as a member of the Nominations Committee, if such person is or becomes an office bearer of any category of member of Sri Lanka Cricket or any Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board or subject to any disqualification in terms of section 7.

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee

24. (1) The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee shall be appointed by the members of the Nominations Committee from amongst themselves.

(2) Where the Chairperson is temporarily unable to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of his office due to ill health, other infirmity, absence from Sri Lanka or any other cause, the members of the Nominations Committee may appoint any other member to act as the Chairperson.

Vacation of office of the Nomination Committee

25. Where a member of the Nominations Committee dies, resigns or becomes disqualified in terms of the provisions of section 23 such vacancy shall be filled having regard to the provisions of section 22.

Quorum and meetings of the Nomination Committee

26. (1) The *quorum* for any meeting of the Nominations Committee shall be four members including the Chairperson.

(2) A meeting of the Nominations Committee may be held, constituting the *Quorum*, either-

(*a*) by the number of members being assembled at the place, date and time assigned for the meeting; or

(*b*) by way of contemporaneous audio-visual linkage; or

(*c*) by a combination of the methods specified in paragraphs (a) and (b).

(3) All decisions at any meeting of the Nominations Committee shall be made by the vote of the majority of members present and voting at such meeting. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of that meeting shall, in addition to his vote, have a casting vote.

(4) The Chairperson shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the Nominations Committee. In the absence of the Chairperson, a member elected by the members present at the meeting from among themselves, shall preside at such meeting.

(5) The meetings of the Nominations Committee shall be conducted in conformity with the procedure specified by rules, from time to time.

PART IV

OFFICIAL COLOURS, AND CREST, PATRON AND MEMBERS OF SRI LANKA CRICKET

The official colours and Crest of Sri Lanka Cricket

27. The official colours and Crest of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be as determined by the Board by way of rules.

Patron of Sri Lanka Cricket

28. The President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall be the Patron of Sri Lanka Cricket:

Provided however, if the President declines to be the Patron of Sri Lanka Cricket, any other person who may agree to accept the office of Patron at the request of the Board shall be the Patron.

Registration of the members of Sri Lanka Cricket

29. (1) The members of Sri Lanka Cricket shall consist of the categories specified in the Schedule hereto.

(2) Every association, federation or body which was registered with the Predecessor Body, prior to the date of

the coming into operation of this Act, and conforms to the eligibility criteria specified in the Schedule hereto, may, within a period of thirty days from the date of the coming into operation of this Act, apply for registration with Sri Lanka Cricket in the manner specified by rules.

(3) Sri Lanka Cricket shall cause the registration of all categories of members of Sri Lanka Cricket who fulfill the eligibility criteria specified in the Schedule hereto and issue a Certificate of Registration in the form specified by rules. Such registration shall be subject to such terms and conditions specified in the Schedule hereto.

(4) The Board may specify standards of governance, accounting, administration, and cricket operations and any other conditions applicable to each category of membership of Sri Lanka Cricket by way of rules, and may amend or vary the same, from time to time, as it deems necessary.

Membership Fees

30. (1) The fee for membership and the annual subscription fee for each category of members of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be as specified by rules.

(2) All membership fees and annual subscription shall be subject to all applicable Government taxes in force from time to time.

(3) The annual subscription in respect of each financial year shall be paid on or before the thirty first day of December of the year immediately preceding the relevant year.

(4) In the event the annual subscription is not paid on or before the date specified in subsection (3), the defaulting member of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be liable to pay a late payment fee equal to twice the annual subscription, payable on or before the thirtieth day of April of the following year.

(5) In the event a member of Sri Lanka Cricket fails to pay the annual subscription together with the applicable late payment fee on or before the date specified in subsection (4) (in this section referred to as the "due date"), such member shall automatically forfeit its voting right.

(6) Where a member referred to in subsection (5) fails to pay the amount payable as the subscription and the late payment fee within a period of six months commencing on the day immediately after the due date, such member shall be removed from the Register of Members.

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Suspension, revocation or otherwise termination of the membership of Sri Lanka Cricket

31. Sri Lanka Cricket shall, have the power to suspend, remove or otherwise terminate the membership of any member of Sri Lanka Cricket, on the recommendation made by the Disciplinary and Disputes Committee referred to in section 21, where such member has contravened any of the provisions of this Act or any rule made thereunder or any term or condition attached to the registration of membership of Sri Lanka Cricket.

Annual general meeting and special general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket and exercising voting rights

32. (1) The Board shall ensure that Sri Lanka Cricket holds its annual general meeting within the first six months of each financial year.

(2) The Tier "A" Members, Tier "B" Members and Provincial Cricket Association out of the members of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket (hereinafter referred to as the "voting members").

(3) The voting members shall be entitled to attend and be represented at the general meetings of Sri Lanka Cricket and to exercise voting rights in accordance with the number of votes allocated to such members under this Act.

(4) Each voting member shall authorise, by a duly completed written nomination issued by such member, a representative to attend, participate in, and exercise the voting rights of that member at any general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket.

(5) Each duly authorised representative of a voting member shall be entitled to exercise the number of votes allocated to such member he represents under this Act and shall not represent more than one voting member of Sri Lanka Cricket at the same general meeting.

(6) Tier "C" Members, through one duly authorised representative, shall be entitled to attend general meetings only in the capacity of an observer and shall not be entitled to participate in the deliberations of such general meeting or exercise any right there at.

(7) Non-voting members other than Tier "C" Members, through one duly authorised representative, shall be entitled to attend general meetings only in the capacity of an observer and shall not be entitled to participate in the deliberations of such general meeting or exercise any right thereat.

(8) The name of the authorised representative or representatives shall be notified in writing to Sri Lanka Cricket by the President and Secretary of the relevant member of Sri Lanka Cricket not less than seven days prior to the date of the relevant general meeting.

(9) No person representing a voting member shall exercise voting rights in more than one capacity at the same general meeting.

(10) A person nominated to represent a member of Sri Lanka Cricket at a general meeting shall be a person who-

(a) is a member of the Executive Committee or equivalent decision-making body of such member Club or Association; or

(b) has been a member of the relevant Club or Association for a continuous period of not less than five years.

(11) The Board may specify by rules made under this Act additional eligibility criteria, procedures and conditions relating to the nomination, verification and participation of representatives at the general meetings.

(12) The *quorum* for any general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be one - third of the total number of voting members.

(13) Where the *quorum* for any general meeting is not present within such time as may be specified by rules, the Chairperson of the general meeting or in his absence, the Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka Cricket or any officer or any Director authorized by the Board shall adjourn such general meeting to such other date as may be determined by the Board. Notice of not less than fourteen days shall be given for the adjourned general meeting with the same agenda. At such adjourned general meeting, the members present shall constitute the quorum and may proceed to transact the business on the agenda with full validity and authority.

(14) The procedure adopted at the general meeting shall be as specified by rules made under this Act.

Constitution of the members of Sri Lanka Cricket

33. (1) Every member of Sri Lanka Cricket shall have a constitution containing provisions relating to conditions of membership, the appointment and removal of office bearers,

limitations on tenure, meetings of the governing body and the membership, disciplinary procedures, conflicts of interest, related party transactions, and such other matters as may be specified by rules made under this Act to ensure good governance, transparency, accountability and corruption-free administration.

(2) Every member of Sri Lanka Cricket shall submit such constitution for approval to Sri Lanka Cricket within one year from the date of coming into operation of this Act, in the manner as may be specified by rules.

(3) Where any member of Sri Lanka Cricket fails to obtain such approval within the period specified in subsection (2), Sri Lanka Cricket may suspend or terminate the membership of such member.

Duties of the members of Sri Lanka Cricket

34. (1) Every member of Sri Lanka Cricket shall hold its annual general meeting on or before the thirtieth day of April in each year and shall submit to the Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka Cricket the following documents within one month from the date of such annual general meeting:-

(a) certified minutes of the annual general meeting held, together with the list of members who attended the annual general meeting and office bearers elected at such annual general meeting, if applicable;

(b) a statement certified by the President or Secretary of the member of Sri Lanka Cricket indicating the number of members in its membership register, together with a certified membership list;

(c) audited financial statements duly audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants and adopted at the said annual general meeting; and

(d) proof of payment of applicable annual subscription fees paid to Sri Lanka Cricket for the relevant period.

(2) A member of Sri Lanka Cricket who fails to hold its annual general meeting or fails to furnish the documents specified in subsection (1) within the stipulated time shall not be entitled to participate in or vote at any general meeting or special general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket.

(3) Where a member of Sri Lanka Cricket continues to default and fails to submit any of the aforementioned documents even after the expiry of six months from the thirtieth day of May of the relevant year, such member shall automatically cease to be a member of Sri Lanka Cricket, unless such failure is justified by valid reasons submitted to the Board within one month after the expiry of such period of six months and such reasons are approved by a majority of members of Sri Lanka Cricket at a special general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket.

Tournament Structure of Sri Lanka Cricket

35. (1) The Board shall specify the Tournament Structure of Sri Lanka Cricket by rules.

(2) The First Tournament Structure of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be specified by rules made under paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 47.

(3) Any amendment, variation or alteration to the rules made by the Incumbent Board under subsection (2) that may be made by a Board appointed under section 5 or section 9, shall be made in the manner specified below:-

(a) with the vote of not less than two -L thirds out of the total number of Directors of the Board including four Independent Directors and the

Chairperson, first obtained at a Board meeting; and

(b) thereafter, with the vote of two - thirds majority of the voting members of Sri Lanka Cricket present and vote, at a special general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket.

PART V

FUND OF SRI LANKA CRICKET

Fund of Sri Lanka Cricket

36. (1) Sri Lanka Cricket shall have its own Fund.

(2) There shall be paid into the Fund of Sri Lanka Cricket-

(a) all such sums of money that may be received by Sri Lanka Cricket in the exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions under this Act; and

(b) all such sums of money received by Sri Lanka Cricket by way of grants, gifts or donations, whether in cash or otherwise, from persons or bodies of persons, within or outside Sri Lanka.

(3) There shall be paid out of the Fund all such sums as are required to defray any expenditure incurred by the Board in the exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions conferred on, assigned to, or imposed on Sri Lanka Cricket under this Act.

(4) All sums of money received to the Fund of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be deposited in such banks and financial institutions as may be approved by the Board, from time to time.

(5) All payments exceeding such threshold as may be determined by the Board, from time to time, shall, wherever practicable, be made by cheque, electronic funds transfer or such other banking or digital payment mechanisms as may be approved by the Board.

(6) All cheques, drafts and other banking instruments shall be signed or authorized in the following manner:-

(a) one signatory shall be the Chairperson of the Board or, in the absence of the Chairperson, an Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board authorized by the Board for such purpose; and

(b) the second signatory shall be the Chief Executive Officer or any other Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board or officer of Sri Lanka Cricket authorized by the Board for such purpose.

(7) The Board shall authorize the Chief Executive Officer to endorse cheques, orders and other instruments of a similar nature for credit to the bank accounts of Sri Lanka Cricket.

(8) Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this section, the Board may authorize, in writing, any officer or employee of Sri Lanka Cricket holding the office of a senior manager or above to approve or authorize payments subject to such financial controls, procedures and limits as may be determined by the Board, from time to time.

Financial year and audit of accounts

37. (1) The financial year of Sri Lanka Cricket shall be the calendar year.

(2) The Board shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept of the income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and all other transactions of Sri Lanka Cricket.

(3) The provisions of Article 154 of the Constitution shall apply to and in respect of the audit of the accounts of Sri Lanka Cricket.

PART VI

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE STAFF

Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer

38. (1) The Board shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer whose qualifications and terms and conditions of employment shall be determined by the Board. The remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer shall be recommended by the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board.

(2) The Board shall not appoint any person as the Chief Executive Officer, and the appointment of any person as the Chief Executive Officer shall *ipso facto* cease, if that person–

(a) is or becomes a member of Parliament, or a member of any Provincial Council or any local authority;

(b) is or becomes an employee or office bearer of any member of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(c) is or becomes an office bearer or an officer or employee of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(d) is or becomes of unsound mind or incapable of carrying out his duties;

(e) is or has become an undischarged bankrupt;

(f) is or has been convicted of an offence which involves moral turpitude;

(g) has been previously removed from the office of Chief Executive Officer;

(h) is disqualified from holding office by virtue of any rule made under this Act in conformity with the rules or regulations of the ICC in relation to the disqualification for holding any office relating to the sport of cricket;

(i) has been previously found guilty of serious misconduct by a court or tribunal or has been subject to a disciplinary action by a regulatory body; or

(j) has acted in contravention of the provisions of this Act.

(3)The Chief Executive Officer shall, subject to the general or special direction and control of the Board, -

(a) be charged with the administration of the affairs and transactions of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(b) exercise, perform and discharge powers, duties and functions of Sri Lanka Cricket assigned to him by the Board;

(c) exercise disciplinary control over officers and employees of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(d) negotiate, coordinate, arrange and administer all cricket tours, tournaments, series and international engagements conducted within or

outside Sri Lanka in respect of all representative teams, delegations and squads of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(e) be responsible for carrying out and implementing the resolutions and directives of the Board through the respective departments, divisions, units and officers and employees of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(f) maintain or cause to be maintained registers of membership of Sri Lanka Cricket including the information and documentation relating to the membership;

(g) report to the Board any instance of non-compliance or breach of eligibility or regulatory requirements by any member of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(h) be responsible for the custody, administration, management and protection of all movable and immovable property and all tangible and intangible assets belonging to or vested in Sri Lanka Cricket, including digital assets, intellectual property, data, media rights and any other electronic or virtual assets;

(i) ensure the proper maintenance of accounts, records, documents and information relating to all monies received and expended by Sri Lanka Cricket, and of all matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures take place, and of the assets and liabilities of Sri Lanka Cricket, and of all financial affairs, transactions, agreements

and other matters necessary to present a true and fair view of the financial position of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(j) where none of the Independent Directors of the Board are available, represent Sri Lanka Cricket at any international forum, conference, meeting, negotiation or engagement with any international sporting body, governmental authority or any other institution;

(k) prepare the Annual Report of Sri Lanka Cricket to be submitted to the Board and Parliament for approval and ensure that such approved Annual Report is presented at the annual general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket; and

(l) perform and discharge such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the Board, from time to time.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer may, with the approval of the Board, whenever he considers it necessary to do so, delegate to any officer or employee of Sri Lanka Cricket any power, duty or function conferred or imposed on or assigned to him by this Act and such officer or employee shall exercise, perform and discharge such power, duty or function subject to the general or special direction of the Chief Executive Officer.

(5) The Chief Executive Officer shall ensure that –

(a) the proper convening of all general meetings, Board meetings, and meetings of any committee or sub-committee appointed under this Act, and shall attend such meetings as required for the discharge of his duties, without prejudice to

the authority of the Chairperson of the Board to regulate proceedings thereat;

(b) the accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board and the committees or sub-committees are properly recorded, maintained and preserved, and all records, documents and papers of Sri Lanka Cricket are maintained in such manner as may be determined by the Board, from time to time; and

(c) the issuance and circulation of notices, agendas and minutes of the meetings of the Board and the committees or sub-committees, to the relevant members and the officers and employees of Sri Lanka Cricket within such time frames as may be specified by rules made under this Act.

The Compliance Officer

39. Sri Lanka Cricket shall have a Compliance Officer in the Staff of Sri Lanka Cricket who shall bear a senior managerial position in Sri Lanka Cricket and report directly to the Board. The Compliance Officer shall be required to certify that Sri Lanka Cricket has complied with all legal requirements under this Act in every Annual Report of Sri Lanka Cricket.

Officers and employees etc. of Sri Lanka Cricket

40. (1) The Board may create permanent, temporary, ad-hoc and fixed term cadre positions and employ or appoint such officers, employees, consultants, advisors and other personnel, whether on a permanent, temporary, fixed-term, contractual, part-time, casual, seasonal, project-based or consultancy basis, as the Board considers necessary for the efficient exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions of Sri Lanka Cricket, subject to the approved organisational structure, budget and applicable policies and procedures of Sri Lanka Cricket.

(2) The Board shall-

(a) fix the terms and conditions of service of such officers, employees, consultants, advisors and other personnel;

(b) prepare codes of conduct of such officers, employees, consultants, advisors and other personnel; and

(c) specify the salaries, allowances and benefits payable to such officers, employees, consultants, advisors and other personnel,

by way of rules made under this Act.

(3) An officer or employee, consultant, advisors and other personnel of Sri Lanka Cricket shall not be an office bearer of any member of Sri Lanka Cricket.

(4) Notwithstanding any legal or other obligation to which a person may be subject to by virtue of being an officer or employee, consultant, advisors and other personnel of Sri Lanka Cricket, any officer or employee, consultant, advisors and other personnel of Sri Lanka Cricket shall not be subjected to any punishment, disciplinary or otherwise, for releasing or disclosing any information in respect of any act or omission that may be reasonably connected to any act of corruption or the commission of any offence.

PART VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Provisions of this Act prevail over the Sports Law

41. (1) From and after the date of the coming into operation of this Act, the provisions of the Sports Law shall have no effect with respect to the sport of cricket.

(2) In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Act and the provisions of the Sports Law, the provisions of this Act shall prevail.

Annual Reports

42. (1) The Board shall, within six months from the end of each financial year, submit to Parliament an Annual Report on the activities carried out by Sri Lanka Cricket under the Act, within the relevant financial year. The following documents shall be included in the Annual Report:-

(a) the audited accounts for the year along with the Auditor-General's report;

(b) a report on the proposed activities for the ensuing year;

(c) a detailed description of the state of affairs of Sri Lanka Cricket during the previous accounting period;

(d) names and qualifications of all Independent Directors and Elected Directors of the Board and members of committees and sub-committees of Sri Lanka Cricket and details of attendance;

(e) reports on matters falling within the powers, duties and functions of the Board and the committees and sub-committees including, such activities undertaken, decisions made, matters considered and the implementation of decisions as the Board considers material or significant and warrants disclosure, during the relevant reporting period;

(f) details of remuneration and all benefits of the Independent Directors and Elected Directors of

the Board and all members of the committees and sub-committees of Sri Lanka Cricket during the accounting period; and

(g) the total amount of donations made to Sri Lanka Cricket and by Sri Lanka Cricket during the accounting period.

(2) The Annual Report which is approved by the Board shall be published on the website of Sri Lanka Cricket.

Insurance benefits of the members of the Board, committees and sub-committees

43. Sri Lanka Cricket shall ensure that there is in place an appropriate Directors' and Officers' Insurance Policy, subject to such limits as may be determined by the Board, to protect every Independent Director and Elected Director, officer and employee of Sri Lanka Cricket, member of the committees and sub-committees of Sri Lanka Cricket against all claims, costs and expenses, incurred by such Director, officer, employee or member in any legal proceeding brought against such Director, officer, employee or member in connection with the discharge of their official duties when such person-

(a) acted honestly and in good faith;

(b) acted in a way he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(c) acted in compliance with the provisions of this Act, applicable written laws and governance policies; and

(d) has not obtained any improper personal benefit.

Minister's oversight

44. (1) The Minister may, from time to time, in writing, require Sri Lanka Cricket to furnish to him in such form as he may require, returns, accounts and other information with

respect to the property and activities of Sri Lanka Cricket. It shall be the duty of Sri Lanka Cricket to comply with such directions.

(2) Where the Minister becomes aware of or receives credible information relating to, or is notified of any credible allegation concerning corruption, fraud, financial irregularity or any other conduct prejudicial to the integrity, governance or administration of cricket in Sri Lanka, the Minister may, where he considers it necessary, by written direction-

(a) require the Auditor-General to conduct an audit into such matter and report to the Minister within a period specified in such direction; or

(b) refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement authority or other competent authority for investigation and necessary action in accordance with the applicable written law.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section (2), where the Minister, whether upon a complaint made to the Minister, upon credible information received, or upon credible information otherwise brought to his notice, has reasonable grounds to believe that there exists any matter concerning or affecting the integrity of the sport of cricket, corruption, financial mismanagement or irregularity, serious breach of fiduciary duty, malpractice, or any other conduct on the part of any Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board or the Board of Sri Lanka Cricket which is prejudicial to the proper governance, administration or financial management of Sri Lanka Cricket, the Minister may, if he considers it necessary in the circumstances, appoint an initial committee of three members, possessing such competency, qualifications and experience as the Minister considers necessary, to conduct a preliminary

investigation into such matter and to report to the Minister within such period as may be specified by the Minister.

(4) Upon consideration of the report of the committee appointed under subsection (3), or where the Minister is of the view that a formal inquiry is necessary, the Minister may appoint a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka to inquire into the matters specified by the Minister.

(5) Upon receipt of the report of the retired Judge appointed under subsection (4), or the report of the Auditor-General under paragraph (a) of subsection (2), the Minister may take such action pursuant to or in accordance with the recommendations, findings or determinations contained therein, in relation to the removal, suspension or banning of the functions of the Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board concerned, or the Board, and thereafter take the necessary steps for the election or appointment of a new Independent Director or Elected Director of the Board or a new Board, as the case may be, in accordance with this Act.

(6) Sri Lanka Cricket shall ensure that its officers, employees, and members of Sri Lanka Cricket, render full and prompt cooperation for the purposes of any audit, investigation or inquiry under this section, including by furnishing all books, accounts, records, documents, electronic data, information, and explanations, and by providing such access to its premises, facilities and personnel as may reasonably be required.

Rules

45. (1) The Board shall make rules in respect of all matters for which rules are required or authorized to be made under this Act, at a Board meeting and such rules shall be approved by the vote of not less than two thirds out of the total number of Directors voting in favour of the proposed rule including the Chairperson and four Independent Directors.

(2) Rules made by the Board under subsection (1) may be amended, varied, or altered, from time to time, at a like meeting and in the like manner:

Provided however, the rules made by the Incumbent Board under subsection (2) of section 35 shall be amended, varied or altered, subject to the manner specified in subsection (3) of section 35.

(3) Every rule made by the Board shall be published on the website of Sri Lanka Cricket and the rules made in respect of the official colours and Crest of Sri Lanka Cricket under section 27 shall be published in the *Gazette*.

(4) Every rule published in the *Gazette* shall, within three months from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*, be brought before Parliament for its approval. Any such rule which is not so approved by Parliament shall be deemed to be rescinded as from the date of disapproval, but without prejudice to anything duly done thereunder.

(5) Notification of the date on which a rule is deemed to be so rescinded shall be published in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

46. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

"Asian Cricket Council" means, the regional governing body for cricket in Asia, and includes any successor body thereto;

"build-operate-transfer arrangements" means, arrangements relating to the development or establishment of a facility, infrastructure or other asset directly connected with the attainment of the objects of Sri Lanka Cricket, under which a person or

entity is authorised to finance, design, construct, develop or operate such facility, infrastructure, or other asset for an agreed period following which the facility, infrastructure or other asset is transferred to Sri Lanka Cricket or otherwise dealt with in accordance with the terms of the arrangement;

"corporate social responsibility" means, the undertaking, support and promotion of social responsibility, charitable, educational, cultural and environmental equality, inclusion, diversity, youth development and social welfare initiatives, programmes and activities which are connected with, incidental, or supportive to the objects of Sri Lanka Cricket, including initiatives intended to promote the development and accessibility of cricket and to contribute to the welfare and development of communities throughout Sri Lanka;

"District Cricket Association" means, a duly recognized cricket association established for the administration, promotion and development of cricket within a respective district of Sri Lanka;

"general meeting" means, any annual general meeting or special general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket duly convened in accordance with this Act;

"Governor's Trophy Tournament" means, the cricket tournament of that name structured, organized and conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket in accordance with the Tournament Structure;

"Intellectual Property Rights" means, all intellectual property rights of whatever nature, including trademarks, service marks, trade names, logos, crests, copyrights, broadcasting rights, digital rights, image rights, media rights, patents, designs, domain names, data rights, and all other proprietary rights, whether registered or unregistered, subsisting under the laws of Sri Lanka or any other jurisdiction;

"International Cricket Council" means, the international governing body for cricket, and includes any successor body thereto;

"international cricket match" means, a one day international cricket match, a T20 international cricket match and an international test cricket match;

"laws of cricket" means, the Laws of Cricket as published and amended from time to time by the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), and as adopted or modified by the International Cricket Council for international cricket;

"Minister" means, the Minister to whom the subject of Sports is assigned under Article 44 or 45 of the Constitution;

"National Association of Sports relating to the Sport of Cricket" means, the National Association of Sports registered in terms of section 31 of the Sports Law, for the Sports of Cricket, prior to the coming into operation of this Act;

"National Pool" means, the group of players identified, selected, contracted, or otherwise designated by the Board as being eligible for consideration for selection to any National Team, including players participating in national training programmes, camps, assessments, or other preparatory activities conducted or approved by the Board;

"National Team" means, any team of players selected, nominated, or otherwise designated by the Board to represent Sri Lanka in any international cricket match, series, tournament, competition or other cricketing event, whether conducted or sanctioned by the ICC, any ICC Member, or any other recognized cricketing body and includes National Men's Team, National Women's Team, and any other national representative team or category;

"office bearer" means, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or other elected or appointed office bearer holding a recognized position of authority or responsibility of a Member of Sri Lanka Cricket;

"Provincial Cricket Association" means, a duly recognized provincial cricket association established for the administration, promotion, regulation and development of cricket within the respective Province of Sri Lanka;

"season" means, the period commencing on such date as may be determined by Sri Lanka Cricket and concluding upon the completion and conclusion of all tournaments scheduled under the Tournament Structure for the relevant period, unless the context otherwise requires;

"special general meeting" means, any general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket other than the annual general meeting, convened in accordance with this Act;

"sports city concept" shall include the development of an integrated sports destination comprising multiple interconnected facilities and commercial, educational, residential, recreational and tourism-related components centred around sport. For cricket, this shall include a principal cricket stadium or grounds together with training and high-performance facilities, academies, sports science and medical centres, athlete accommodation, sports education and research facilities, sports retail and hospitality, sports tourism facilities, offices and commercial spaces, public recreation areas, and supporting infrastructure;

"Sports Law" means, the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973; and

"Sri Lanka Cricket Transformation Committee" means, the Committee appointed by the Minister prior to the date of the coming into operation of this Act in terms of the provisions of section 33 of the Sports Law as an interim arrangement for continuing the functions of the National Association of Sports in relation to the Sports of Cricket.

PART VIII

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Transitional Provisions

47. (1) The Predecessor Body shall cease to be in operation, with effect from the date of the coming into operation of this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1)-

(a) all assets and liabilities of the Predecessor Body subsisting on the day immediately preceding the date of the coming into operation of this Act shall be deemed to be the assets and liabilities of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(b) all contracts and agreements entered into, or any document signed or issued by or with the Predecessor Body and which are subsisting on the day immediately preceding the date of the coming into operation of this Act shall be deemed to be contracts and agreements entered into or documents signed or issued by or with Sri Lanka Cricket;

(c) all actions, proceedings or prosecutions instituted by or against the Predecessor Body and which are pending on the day immediately preceding the date of the coming into operation of this Act shall be deemed to be actions, proceedings or prosecutions instituted by, or against, Sri Lanka Cricket and may be continued accordingly;

(d) all decrees and awards entered or made by any Court or Tribunal in any action or proceeding instituted by, or against the Predecessor Body and which remain unsatisfied on the day immediately preceding the date of the coming into operation of this Act shall be deemed to be decrees or awards entered or made for or against Sri Lanka Cricket, as the case may be, and may be enforced accordingly;

(e) all rights, powers, privileges and interests arising out of such property or business of the Predecessor Body existing on the day immediately preceding the date of the coming into operation of this Act shall be deemed to be the rights, powers, privileges and interests arising out of such property or business of Sri Lanka Cricket; and

(f) all officers and employees of the staff and other persons employed by the Predecessor Body prior to the date of the coming into operation of this Act and serving on the day immediately preceding the date of the coming into operation of this Act shall be deemed to be employed by Sri Lanka Cricket on such terms and conditions which are not less favourable than the terms and conditions which were applicable to them on

the day immediately preceding the date of the coming into operation of this Act; and

(g) unless otherwise expressly provided in this Act-

(i) all appointments, nominations and authorizations lawfully made by the Predecessor Body and pending execution or approval;

(ii) all disciplinary proceedings, investigations, disciplinary appeals and other administrative or regulatory proceedings of the Predecessor Body pending disposal; and

(iii) all tournaments and competitions pending completion,

on the day immediately preceding the date of the coming into operation of this Act shall, in so far as such execution, approval, disposal or completion is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue to be executed, approved, disposed or completed.

(3) The Incumbent Board shall exercise, discharge, and perform all powers, duties and functions of Sri Lanka Cricket, and shall have full power and authority to govern, manage, and administer the affairs relating to the sport of cricket until the term of office of the First Board commences in accordance with subsection (5) of section 9.

(4) The Incumbent Board shall, at its meetings held after the date of the coming into operation of this Act, make rules in respect of the following matters, as may be necessary

for the proper governance, administration and regulation of the affairs and functions of Sri Lanka Cricket, until the First Board of Sri Lanka Cricket is appointed in terms of the provisions of this Act -

(a) official colours and Crest;

(b) meetings of the members of the Incum bent Board;

(c) Tournament Structure of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(d) notice and agenda of the annual general meeting and the conduct of the annual general meeting and matters related there with;

(e) the election process for the election of seven Elected Directors of the First Board at the annual general meeting or at a special general meeting;

(f) domestic cricket governance, administration and tournament oversight;

(g) disciplinary procedures;

(h) dispute resolution procedures;

(i) the procedure for the appointment of Men's and Women's Selection Committees;

(j) matters relating to District Cricket Associations and Provincial Cricket Associations;

(k) the Terms of Reference relating to the committees and sub committees appointed under this Act;

(l) the setting out of the Nominations Committee and the procedure followed therewith in respect of the selection of the Independent Directors;

(m) the process of registration of the members of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(n) the convening and conduct and other ancillary matters relating to the general meetings; and

(0) such other matters as may be required for the proper governance and administration of the affairs of Sri Lanka Cricket.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency

48. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

(Sections 2,4 and 29)

SCHEDULE

Categories of members of Sri Lanka Cricket, the eligibility criteria and Terms and conditions

Column I Categories of members of Sri Lanka cricket	Column II Eligibility criteria	Column III Terms and Conditions
(1) Tier "A" member	(a) The Club qualifies to participate in the Tier "A" Cricket Tournament, structured, organized and conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket in accordance with the Tournament Structure referred to in section 35, at the end of the last completed season prior to the relevant date of consideration, such Club shall be recognized as a Tier "A"Member of Sri Lanka Cricket; Illustration *The relevant date for consideration in a given year is first of June. By that date Club X, which competed in the Tier "B" Tournament, was entitled at the end of the Tournament to be elevated to Tier "A"for the next season. However, the Tier "A" Tournament is yet to be completed and the team that is to be relegated from Tier "A" to Tier "B" is yet to be determined.Club X would have to be considered under Tier "B"as the previous season is yet to be completed.*	Any Tier "A" Member shall- (a) constitute the premier category of membership within Sri Lanka Cricket; (b) comply with the provisions of this Act; (c) be entitled to exercise two votes at any general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket; (d) at the relevant date under consideration, be a participant in the Tier "A" Cricket Tournament that is structured, organized, conducted and sanctioned by Sri Lanka Cricket; (e) maintain proper standards of governance,accounting, administration,and cricket operations; (f) maintain a minimum registered membership

		(b) Where any member is promoted from the Tier "B" Cricket Tournament to the Tier "A" Cricket Tournament, such member shall become entitled to be recognized as a Tier "A" 'member, together with the voting rights applicable thereto, only from the year immediately succeeding the season in which such member becomes eligible to participate in the Tier "A" Cricket Tournament: Provided that the Tier "A" Tournament for the relevant season has been completed, and subject always to compliance with the minimum membership criteria stipulated in paragraph (f) of Colum III herein	of two hundred members at all times and demonstrate compliance with this requirement upon any review or verification conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket: Provided that, where any Tier "A" member fails to maintain such minimum membership requirement, such member shall only be entitled to one vote until such requirement is fulfilled; (g) at any time, be liable to lose its Tier "A" member status and voting rights in the event such member ceases to be entitled to participate in the Tier "A" Cricket Tournament during any given year. Upon the loss of such voting rights and membership status, such member shall be redesignated and reclassified to the relevant category of membership corresponding to the level of cricket in which such member participates.
(2)	Tier "B" member	(a) Where the club qualifies to participate in the Tier "B" Cricket Tournament, structured, organized and conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket in accordance with the Tournament Structure referred to in section 35 at the end of the last completed season prior to the relevant date of consideration, such club shall be registered as a Tier "B" Member of the Sri Lanka Cricket; and	Any Tier "B" Member shall – (a) be entitled to one vote at any general meeting, subject to compliance with the provisions of this Act; (b) participate in the Tier "B" Cricket Tournament that is structured, organized and conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket; (c) comply with the provisions of this Act; (d) maintain proper standards of governance, accounting, administration, and cricket operations;

(b) Any Member promoted from the Governor's Trophy Tournament to the Tier "B" Cricket Tournament shall become entitled to be recognized as a Tier "B" Member, together with the voting rights applicable thereto, only from the year immediately succeeding the season in which such Member becomes eligible to participate in the Tier "B" Cricket Tournament.

(e) maintain a minimum registered membership of one hundred members at all times and demonstrate compliance with this requirement upon any review or verificationconducted by Sri Lanka Cricket;

(f) at the relevant date under consideration, be aparticipant in the Tier "B" Cricket Tournament; and

(g) at any time, be liable to lose its Tier "B" member status and voting rights in the event such member ceases to be entitled to participate in the Tier "B" Cricket Tournament during any given year, or fails to satisfy the minimum membership criteria stipulated in paragraph (e);

Upon the loss of such voting rights or membership status, such member shall be redesignated or reclassified to the relevant category of membership corresponding to the level of cricket in which such member participates.

(3) Tier "C" member

(a) Where the club or institute qualifies to participate in the Governor's Trophy Cricket Tournament that is structured, organized, and conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket in accordance with the applicable Tournament Structure referred to in section 35, based on the points and standings of the last completed season immediately preceding the relevant date of consideration, such club or institute shall be recognised as a Tier "C" Member of Sri Lanka Cricket; and

Any Tier "C" member shall-

(a) be permitted to attend general meetings of Sri Lanka Cricket strictly in the capacity of observers only. Such members shall not be entitled to vote, participate in any voting process, or otherwise influence or be counted in any decision-making at any general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket;

(b) participate in the Governor's Trophy Tournament that is structured, organized, conducted, or sanctioned by Sri Lanka Cricket;

	(b) Any Member promoted from the Intra-Province Tournament to the Governor's Trophy Tournament shall become entitled to be recognized as a Tier "C" Member, only from the year immediately succeeding the season in which such member becomes eligible to participate in the Governor's Trophy Tournament	(c) comply with the provisions of this Act; (d) maintain proper standards of governance, accounting, administration, and cricket operations; (e) maintain a minimum registered membership of fifty members at all times and demonstrate compliance with this requirement upon any review or verification conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket; and (f) at any time, be liable to lose its Tier "C" member status in the event such member ceases to be entitled to participate in the Governor's Trophy Tournament during any given year, or fails to satisfy the minimum membership criteria stipulated in paragraph (e) herein. Upon the loss of such membership status, such member shall be redesignated and reclassified as a General member.
(4) Provincial Cricket Association	The duly recognized Provincial Cricket Associations established for the administration, promotion, regulation, and development of cricket within the respective provinces of Sri Lanka.	Each Provincial Cricket Association shall- (a) encompass the respective districts falling within such province based on the geographical divisions of Sri Lanka as existing on the date of the coming into operation of this Act: Provided that, until the registration of a Provincial Cricket Association for each province, a Provincial Cricket Associations may include districts out side such province;

(b) be constituted only by the respective District Cricket Associations in the respective province;

(c) co-ordinate cricket activities within its province as may be directed by Sri Lanka Cricket;

(d) work in collaboration with Sri Lanka Cricket for the development and promotion of cricket at provincial and grass-roots levels;

(e) comply with the provisions of this Act; and

(f) submit such reports, accounts, statistics, and other information as may be required by Sri Lanka Cricket from time to time; and

(g) be entitled to one vote at any general meeting of Sri Lanka Cricket, subject to compliance with the provisions of this Act, as applicable.

(5) General member — Any member who does not fall within the categories of Tier "A" members, Tier "B" members or Tier "C" members at the end of any season shall be classified as a General member. For the avoidance of doubt, District Cricket Associations shall be General Members.

(6) Women's Cricket Associations — The Sri Lanka Cricket shall have any Women's Cricket Association consists of the members as may be admitted by such Women's Cricket Association in accordance with rules made by the Board.

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