PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 3.

ELIGIBILITY

Any person who (i) has attained the age of 18 years (ii) has not been convicted for an offence under Indian Penal Code or Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 involving moral turpitude by any court in India (iii) has not been declared insolvent by any court in India and (iv) agrees with the aims and objects of the Association and is prepared to abide by the Rules, Regulations framed by the Association may apply for admission as member in any of the following Categories of membership of the Association:

- 1) Patron:- A person who pays a sum of Rs. 50,000/- and above to the Association.
- 2) Life Member:-A person who pays a sum of Rs. 10,000/- as membership fees to the Association.
- 3) Any person who has represented the Association as a playing member in any tournament organised or conducted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India or has retired from first class cricket can apply for membership in this category of members.

(Provided that any ordinary member who is on the rolls of the association shall continue to be such member under the new constitution also. Provided that their shall be no new members in the category of ordinary members)

- 4) Each year the total number of available membership should be filled up in the following manner.
- i) 30% from the players as referred to in category 3.
- ii) 30% from persons who have rendered services to the Association.
- iii) 40% from General Category.

Provided that international players (Men & Women) hailing from the jurisdiction of the Association, shall be granted automatic membership after they retire from competitive cricket.

If eligible applicants from any of the first two categories are not available, it shall be the sole discretion of the Executive Committee to enroll the members from any of the other categories over and above the number prescribed as per the norms stated above.

5) Any person eligible to apply in any of the above Categories of membership shall apply in the prescribed form provided by the Association which shall be accompanied by the sum prescribed for admission and shall apply within the period from 1st of January to 31st of March each year. No application received before or after this period shall be entertained.

- 6) The Executive Committee shall accept or reject any such application on or before 30th of April of the same year without assigning any reason and its decision shall be final and binding on the applicant. It shall be the sole discretion of the Executive committee to admit any person as member of the Association.
- 7) If rejected, the Executive Committee shall refund the actual amount paid by the applicant by cheque on or before 10th of May of the same year.

ARTICLE-5.

The Executive Committee shall comprise of 12 members of whom 5 shall be the elected Office Bearers as per Article 13 and the remaining 7 shall be:

- a) 5 additional member to be elected by the Members of the Association from among their representatives;
- b) Two, one male and one female, to be nominated by the Cricket Players' Association from amongst those of its members who hail from the region which is the jurisdiction of the Association.

ARTICLE-10.

GENERAL BODY MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article - 10

The General Body of the Association shall consist of its Patrons, Honorary Life Members, Life Members and one representative from each affiliated Club.

The General Body shall be the Supreme Body of the Association and shall have powers to give directions to the Executive Committee and other Bodies of the Association to frame rules under the Constitution or alter, amend, add or remove any rule or rules framed by any Body of the Association.

The General Body Shall nominate any member at the Annual General Meeting to represent the Association at all the meetings of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, provided that such a nominee is not disqualified as per Article 12. The Term of the Nominee shall be three years and shall be Co-terminus with that of the Executive Committee and such nominee cannot be removed or changed during the term of three years except by the General Body for valid reasons or if he / she becomes disqualified as per Article 12.If such nominee is not an Office Bearer or Member of Executive Committee, he / she may be invited to attend meetings of the Executive Committee but shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Executive Committee.

The General Body if it deems fit, may form other committees to guide / advise the executive committee on various matters provided that none of the members of such other committees are disqualified as per Article 12. The term of such other committees shall be decided by the General body and shall not be more than three years at a time. The members of such other committees who have been on the committee for a cumulative period of nine years shall be ineligible for appointment to the committee. The role of the advisory committee shall be to guide the Executive Committee on matters which are important for the proper functioning of the Association. The

executive committee shall seriously consider the suggestions of the advisory committee but they shall not be binding on them, but the suggestions shall not be rejected without valid reasons recorded in writing in the Executive committee meeting held for this purpose.

Annual General Body meeting shall be held on Saturday/Sunday of the 1st Week of December every year. The meeting will transact the following business:

(Provided that the First Annual General Meeting in which the elections are to be held under this Constitution may take place before/after the scheduled date as provided above but that will in no way affect the term of the Committees/Selectors and the next elections/Annual General Meetings shall be necessarily in the first week of December as provided above.

- 1) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Body Meeting held during the previous year.
- 2) To receive and discuss the report of the activities of the Association as presented by the Secretary.
- 3) To receive and discuss the audited statement of the accounts of the previous year presented by the Treasurer.
- 3A) To appoint Ombudsman and Ethics Officer for the ensuing year.
- 4) To consider, pass or reject any resolution presented by a member of the General Body, provided the resolution is received in writing by the Secretary or in his absence by the President, at least 72 hours before the meeting is being held.
- 5) To discuss any other matter with the permission of the Chairman.

In the Election year, the Annual General Body shall meet consecutively for two days e.g. On Saturday and Sunday. That year on the first day beside the above Agenda, in that meeting Auditors shall be appointed for the next three financial years.

On the next day, only the Elections of Office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee shall be held.

Not less than 15 days notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting and not less than 10 days notice of the date of the Special General Body Meeting shall be given to all the eligible members of the Association.

Notice of Meeting and that of the Agenda to be transacted therein shall be given by the Secretary to all the Office-bearers and Members of the Executive Committee, Members of the Association and Secretaries of the Affiliated Clubs under Certificate of Posting or by Email. A notice shall also be published in one English and in one vernacular newspaper having reasonable Circulation in Vidarbha.

The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 100 members. No business shall be transacted unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement of the meeting. In case the quorum is not available at the time specified for starting the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for 30 minutes and even if after 30 minutes no quorum is available the meeting shall be held with the members present.

Only members or representatives of Affiliated Clubs shall be eligible to contest post of an Office-Bearer.

A member or representative of the affiliated club or selector against whom a disciplinary action is taken and is under suspension or expulsion shall not have a right of vote or shall not be eligible to contest at any election of the Association during the period of such suspension or expulsion.

A person shall be disqualified from being an Office-Bearer, or the Association's nominee / Representative to the BCCI if he or she.

- a) Is not a citizen of India.
- b) Has attained the age of 70 years.
- c) Is declared to be insolvent, or of unsound mind.
- d) Is a minister or a government servant.
- e) Has been an Office-Bearer of the Association for a cumulative period of 9 years.
- f) Has been convicted by a court of law for commission of a criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment.

An Office-Bearer who has held any post for two consecutive terms in the Association shall not be eligible to contest any further election in Association without completing a cooling off period of three years. During this cooling off period such an office bearer shall not be a member of the Executive Committee or of any Committee whatsoever of the Association. The expression 'Office-Bearer' should not be permitted to be circumvented by being a member of any other committee or of the Executive Committee in the Association, as the case may be.

If a person has served two consecutive terms each as Office-Bearer in the Association and as an Office-Bearer or Councilor in the BCCI (or vice versa) continuously without any break, such person shall not be eligible to be an Office-Bearer/Executive Member in the Association or in the BCCI, without completing a cooling off period of three years. During this cooling off period, such an Office-Bearer shall not be a member of the Executive Committee or of any committee whatsoever of the BCCI or of the Association.

The expression Office-Bearer should not be permitted to be circumvented by being a member of any other committee or of the Governing Council in BCCI or in the Association, as the case maybe.

Provided that if any person has been elected as an Office-Bearer, or the Association's nominee / Representative to the BCCI prior to attaining the age of 70 years, he shall not be disqualified from completing his term as an Office-Bearer, or the Association's nominee / Representative to the BCCI on account of crossing the age of 70 years subsequent to his election as an Office-Bearer, or the Association's nominee / Representative to the BCCI if he has not completed his total eligible term of 9 years.

ARTICLE-13.

<u>ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.</u>

Article - 13

The eligible Voters of the Association shall elect the following office bearers, member of the Executive Committee in the Annual General Body Meeting called for the purpose. There shall be no proxy voting and all members shall have to vote in person.

- 1) President.
- 2) Vice-President.
- 3) Treasurer.
- 4) Joint Secretary.
- 5) Honorary Secretary.
- 6) 5 additional Member of the Executive Committee.

The term of Office-bearers, members of the Executive Committee shall be co-terminus and hold office for the next three years till the time their Successors are elected. The Auditors shall also be appointed for the same term.

ARTICLE-14.

The Executive Committee shall appoint an Election Officer for conducting the elections. The Election Officer shall be a former member of the State Election Commission or Retired Judge of the High Court. In case such officer is not available, any other former State Election Commissioner or Retired Judge of the High Court, preferably from a neighbouring State may be appointed as the Election Officer.

The voting shall be by secret ballot. The General Body may from time to time frame rules of procedure for the elections, provided that any amendments to the procedure adopted shall be made at least 3 months prior to the elections. In the absence of any procedure having been framed by the General Body as aforesaid, the Election Officer will decide the procedure. The Election Officer shall oversee and supervise the entire election process including scrutiny of the electoral rolls, which shall include all nominations and candidatures being subject to his/ her scrutiny. In case of any dispute or objection as to candidacy, disqualification, eligibility to vote, or the admission or rejection of a vote in the elections, the Electoral Officer shall decide the same and such decision shall be final and conclusive.

ARTICLE-16.

There shall be Nine members on Selection Committee who shall be nominated by the Executive Committee immediately after they assume office.

There shall be a panel of three selectors who shall be the Senior Selection Committee and shall select the Ranji Trophy team which shall represent the Association in the Ranji Trophy tournament as well as the 'A' team of the Association. Any person who has represented the State in first class tournament conducted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India or a person who is a National level Umpire as recognized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India, shall be eligible to be nominated for the post of a member on the Senior Selection Committee.

Explanation – The 'A' team of the Association shall mean the team specified so by the Board of Control for Cricket in India and/or the Under-23 team.

There shall be a panel of three Selectors who shall be the Junior Selection Committee and shall select all the junior teams which shall represent the Association in the Junior Tournaments organized by the Board of control for Cricket in India in various categories. Any person who has represented the State in first class tournament conducted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India or in any Junior Tournament conducted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India, shall be eligible to be nominated for the post of a member on the Junior Selection Committee.

Explanation – The Junior tournaments would mean the Under-19, Under-16, Under-14 Tournaments and likewise.

There shall be a panel of three Selectors who shall be the Women's Selection Committee and shall select all the Women Teams which shall participate in the tournaments organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India. The Women's Selection Committee shall comprise only of Women Candidates who have represented the Association in any format of the game.

The senior most among the members of each selection committee shall be the Chairperson.

No Person above the age of 70 years shall be eligible to be nominated as selector.

A person shall be disqualified from being nominated as a Selector of Association if he / she has completed 6 years as a Selector of he / she has not retired from the game.

The term of office of the Members of Selection Committee shall be co-terminus with the term of Executive Committee.

Provided that the Members of Selection Committee shall continue to discharge their functions till new members are nominated by the Executive Committee and they take charge.

In case a vacancy arises in the post of a selector due to any reason the same shall be filled in by the Executive Committee by nominating an eligible person. The Selectors shall be paid a suitable remuneration which shall be decided by the General Body.

ARTICLE 27.

Sub-Committee.

The Executive Committee shall appoint such number of Sub-Committee as it may deem fit for smooth functioning of the Association.

ARTICLE 31.

An Impress advance of Rs. 50000–00 shall be placed at the disposal of the Secretary to enable him to meet incidental and emergent payments. The imprest advance may be raised to Rs. 5,00,000–00 with the sanction of the Executive Committee for any specified period not exceeding two months and for a specific purpose.