

**NEW ZEALAND MUSLIM SPORTS ASSOCIATION
Inc
CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

This Constitution shall be cited as the Constitution of New Zealand Muslim Sports Association Incorporated

2. NAME OF ORGANISATION

The organization shall be known as the New Zealand Muslim Sports Association Incorporated.

3. INTERPRETATION

'**NZMSA**' shall mean New Zealand Muslim Sports Association. Association shall mean the New Zealand Muslim Sports Association Incorporated.

'**Constitution**' shall mean the Constitution of New Zealand Muslim Sports Association Incorporated

'**Member Association**' or '**Affiliate**' shall mean any youth and/or sports organizations affiliated to NZMSA.

'**Member**' shall mean any person who directly or indirectly is a member of this Association or any of its affiliates.

'**Youth**' shall mean any member between the age of fifteen (15) and forty (40) years.

'**FIANZ**' shall mean Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand Incorporated.

'**Constituent Association**' shall mean a constituent Association of FIANZ Inc.

'**Muslim**' shall mean a person who believes in the oneness of Allah (SWT) and in the absolute and unqualified finality of the prophethood of Muhammad (PBUH) and as the last of all prophets and who shall hold the belief of Ahle - Sunnat-Wal-Jamaat.

4. NATURE OF ORGANISATION

This Association shall always remain a nonprofit, voluntary and a charitable organization.

5. HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Association shall be in Auckland or at such other place as the Council may decide.

6. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The aims and objectives of the Association shall be:

- a) To vigilantly maintain and apply the true Islamic Doctrines as contained in the Holy Quran and practiced by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (May Allah's Blessings Be Upon Him) at all times.
- b) To preserve and promote the religious, social, cultural, and educational interests of the Muslims.
- c) To provide leadership training for Muslims so that they become responsible citizens of New Zealand.
- d) To organize youth camps, Shura programs, all sports including appropriate recreational and family activities for Muslims.
- e) To promote the welfare of religious and charitable organizations, the poor and needy.
- f) To affiliate and cooperate with other recognized organizations and institutions, at local, national, and international levels.
- g) To raise and borrow money in such manner as the Association may think fit and proper and in accordance with the Sharia from time to time.
- h) To make representations and speak on behalf of the Association and/ or its members.
- i) To purchase, lease, rent, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire or sell property whether used or personal which may be beneficial for the Association.
- j) To inform and educate members of the importance and significance of the Treaty of Waitangi to the New Zealand society.
- k) To affiliate with FIANZ Inc. on application or on invitation.
- l) To ensure that practical steps are taken to advance progress in moral, material, social, economic and cultural life of Muslims with the object of enabling them to attain and maintain their rightful and honored place and to make their full contributions towards peace, prosperity and progress of New Zealand.
- m) To discourage the use of intoxicants, narcotics and other obnoxious and forbidden denials by the Muslims.
- n) To promote, organize and encourage healthy indoor and outdoor exercise, games and sports.
- o) To manage, print and publish journals, periodicals, booklets and leaflets which the Association may think desirable to further its aims and objects.
- p) To establish, encourage, maintain and support member Associations to cater for the interests of Muslims.
- q) To conduct all such acts and deeds that may be necessary for the attainment of the objectives of the Association.

7. AFFILIATION

Any recognized Muslim organization and/or affiliate wishing to affiliate shall make formal application to the Association. Such application shall be dealt with by the Council.

MEMBERSHIP

8. MEMBERS

- a) Only members of a recognized Muslim organization/ Association/Institution/ Trust in New Zealand shall become members or affiliates.
- b) Any member may resign from his membership by giving notice of such intention in writing to the General Secretary.

9. NEW MEMBERS EMBRACING ISLAM

Any person who embraces Islam at any time which is reasonably recent to the holding of any of the Association's tournaments held at any time may take part in sport for his team in such tournaments provided the President/Secretary/Manager and the Pesh Imam concerned jointly and severally:

- a) Sign a declaration as per prescribed form No.2 that in their personal knowledge and belief, the applicant has honestly and genuinely embraced Islam.
- b) Declare that he is an active member of the affiliate.
- c) Acknowledge that should their statements subsequently proved to be false or misleading, they will be liable for expulsion from the Association in accordance with the provisions relating to discipline under this Constitution.

10. OFFICIALS

The following shall be referred as officials of the Association:

Patron- President of FIANZ
Vice-Patron
President
Vice-Presidents (5) General Secretary
Assistant General Secretary (Admin)
Assistant General Secretary (Tournaments)
General Treasurer
Assistant General Treasurer
Working Committee Members (10)

10(a) TERMS OF OFFICE BEARERS

All office bearers shall hold office for a period one term (every second Annual General Meeting) and subject to the eligibility as here in after contained; they shall be eligible for re-election or appointment as the case may be in accordance with this Constitution.

In the absence of the President, A Vice President shall have all the powers and duties of the President and in his absence shall carry out such duties as may be imposed on him by the President, the Working Committee and the Council of the Association.

10(b) APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES REFER TO CLAUSE21(D)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11. MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND

Members eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting shall be the officials of the Association, delegates appointed by affiliates and Honorary members. Members of Sub-committees may also attend the Annual General Meetings but they will not have any voting right.

12. DELEGATES

- (a) Each affiliate shall be represented by three (3) delegates to participate in the deliberations of the Annual General Meetings. The names of such delegates shall be handed to the General Secretary in writing before the commencement of the General Meeting.
- (b) Only the official delegates of the Affiliates shall have the right to vote in any AGM and/or SGM and no other member shall have any voting rights.

13. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held each year. Such meeting shall be held before the last day of April each year. At least twenty-eight (28) days' notice shall be given to all the Honorary members, committee members, the office bearers, and the affiliates of the place, time and date of such meetings.

Notices shall be given by means of letters, circulars, emails and social media platforms.

14. BUSINESS OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The business of Annual General Meetings shall be:

- a) To discuss the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting
- b) To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Association
- c) To receive and adopt the Annual Statement of Accounts
- d) To deliberate on any motion for which due notice has been given
- e) To deal with any matter which the Working Committee or Council may recommend
- f) To elect the officials and appoint sub-committees of the Association biennially.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION

Any office-bearer or Honorary members of the Association or any of its affiliates wishing to move a motion shall give notice thereof in writing to the General Secretary twenty-one (21) days before the Annual General Meeting. Such motion shall first be scrutinized by the Working Committee for its relevancy and desirability before being placed on the agenda paper. Provided that if in the opinion of the Working Committee, the motion is irrelevant or undesirable, the Working Committee may refuse to table the motion.

16. AGENDA

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting and motion (if any,) shall be sent to all the officials, Honorary members and affiliate associations at least seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting.

17. QUORUM

The quorum of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- i) At least 50% of the affiliate associations shall be represented.
- ii) Inclusive of officials, Honorary members and delegates, fifteen (15) members shall be present.
- iii) Should there be an absence of a quorum at the Annual General Meeting, within 30 minutes of the commencement time fixed, the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day and hour of the following week when those present shall be, notwithstanding the required number present as per clause (i) and (ii), must be competent to transact the business of the adjourned meeting.

18. MEETING CHAIRMAN

The President shall normally preside at all General Meetings. In his absence, a Vice-President or any senior or Executive member may be nominated to preside.

19. VOTING

The mode of voting on all matters other than elections at the General Meetings shall be by show of hands, unless any members present in the meeting considers that a ballot is necessary.

20. CASTING VOTE

The Chairman shall have a deliberate as well as casting vote in case of equality of votes.

21. ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

- a) **Patron**
The President of FIANZ shall be the Patron.
- b) **Vice-Patron**
Candidate for this position shall be nominated at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) **Office Bearers**
The following office bearers shall be elected in the first General Meeting thereafter biennially:

President
Vice-President (5)
General Secretary
Assistant General Secretary (2)
General Treasurer
Assistant General Treasurer (1)
Working Committee Members (10)
- d) **Sub-Committees**
The formation of sub-committees shall be nominated by Executive Member/Working Committee as and when required.
- e) **Consensus**
Before proceeding with the 'election' of any of the officials and wherever possible, the meeting shall make every effort to elect officials by consensus.

22. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICIALS

a) President

- i) He must be able to conduct and understand meeting procedures, and be able to read, write and speak well.
- ii) He must have served the Association or any of its affiliates for at least five (5) years actively in an official capacity.
- iii) The presidential term shall not exceed more than two terms for any individual. He shall seek one term of absences before reelection. In an event any current president is unopposed at Annual General Meeting he may continue.

b) General Secretary

- i) He must be able to take minutes, write reports and deal with correspondence efficiently.
- ii) He must have served the Association or any of its affiliates for at least two (2) years actively in an official capacity.
- iii) To verify any application the General Secretary should refer to all team affiliation forms

c) General Treasurer

- i) He must be able to keep books of accounts.
- ii) He must have served the Association or any of its affiliates for at least two (2) years actively in an official capacity.

d) Penalized Members

No member who is penalized by the Association or any affiliates shall hold any official position of the Association during the term of his penalty. However, in the event a member is unfairly penalized and due grievance procedures have not been properly followed, then the AGM's decision on the status of the penalty will be final.

23. NOMINATION FOR OFFICIALS

a) Right to Nominate

Affiliated associations only shall have the right to nominate officials of the Association. Nominations must be on the prescribed form No 1 and must be signed by the President and the Secretary of the nominating association and must be in the hands of the General Secretary fourteen (14) clear days before the date of the annual General Meeting. The nominee must have served any affiliate or NZMSA in the past. The consent of the nominee must be appended on the form.

Upon election as president, general secretary, or general treasurer of NZMSA one should immediately resign from his position as president, secretary or treasurer of any affiliated teams.

b) Verbal Nomination

Nominations from the floor may be accepted by the Annual General Meeting for positions for which no nomination has been received. Such nominations shall be accepted upon the consent of the nominees who must be present.

24. DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE ELECTED

- a) Should there be only one nomination received for any particular office, the candidate nominated shall be declared elected.
- b) In the event there being more than one candidate for the office of President, General Secretary or General Treasurer, the election shall be conducted by secret ballot. Under these circumstances, at least two scrutineers shall be appointed.
- c) For the offices of Vice-Presidents, should the number of nominations received be less than five (5), the candidates nominated shall be declared elected. Verbal nominations shall be called for to make up five in number. In the event there being more than five nominations received, the election shall be held by a ballot as in (b) above.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

25. CONVENORS

A Special General Meeting of the Association may be called by the Working Committee to deal with an urgent and important matter deserving special attention. It may also be called upon receipt of request in writing, setting forth reasons and objects of such meetings and signed by the Secretaries of not less than 75% of the affiliates; if the General Secretary fails to call the meeting within 14 days, then any official and/or affiliate may convene the meeting.

26. NOTICE

The notice setting forth the agenda of such meeting shall be sent to all the affiliates, Honorary members and the officials. At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given by means of letters, circulars, emails and social media platforms.

27. ONLY ITEM OF BUSINESS

The meeting shall deal with only the business for which the meeting is convened.

28. QUORUM

The quorum of Special General Meetings shall be:

- i) At least 75% affiliates shall be represented.
- ii) Inclusive of officials, Honorary members and delegates, twenty (20) members shall be present.
- iii) Should there be an absence of a quorum at the Annual General Meeting, within 30 minutes of the commencement time fixed, the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day and hour of the following week when those present shall be, notwithstanding the required number present as per clause (i) and (ii), must be competent to transact the business of the adjourned meeting.

HONORARY MEMBERS

29. HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary membership may be bestowed upon a member of the Association who has given a special or meritorious or a continuous outstanding service or services to the Association and has been an active member of the Association.

30. QUALIFICATIONS OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The qualifications of the candidate for honorary membership shall be that:

- i) He must be at least fifty-five (55) years in age at the time of his application.
- ii) He must have served the NZMSA at any capacity for not less than five (5) years from the date of registration.
- iii) He must have a clean record i.e., has not been subjected to any severe disciplinary action being taken against him by the Association in the last three (3) years.

31. NOMINATION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

Each nominee shall be proposed and seconded by one delegate of two different affiliates.

The nomination together with the candidate's history of association with NZMSA shall be forwarded in writing to the General Secretary at least twenty-one (21) clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

32. RECOMMENDATION BY WORKING COMMITTEE

The Working Committee shall scrutinize all nominations received within the specified time.

Nominations of candidates who are eligible in accordance with Clause 30 shall be recommended to the Annual General Meeting, provided however that no nomination shall be unreasonably with-held.

33. BESTOWAL

Bestowal of Honorary membership shall be conducted by ballot. At least 75% of the votes cast must be in favour of the nominee before honorary membership is conferred to him.

34. PRIVILEGES

A Honorary member shall be entitled to all the privileges enjoyed by other members of the Association:

- i) He shall be entitled to attend all General, Council meetings and but shall not have the right to vote.
- ii) He shall have the right to attend all the functions of the Association.
- iii) He shall be regarded as a "backbone" of the Association.
- iv) He shall always be honored and his dignity held in high esteem.

FINANCE

35. ASSOCIATION FUNDS

The Association shall use its funds for the payment of its management and running expenses. The Association may organize activities as deemed Islamic and/or appropriate and proper or is necessary to expand its funds.

36. BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS

The General Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping all books of accounts of the Association including records of all assets. The Accounts shall first be presented by the General Treasurer to the Working Committee for its scrutiny before it is audited. The financial year of the Association shall be from the first day of January each year to the 31st day of December of the same year.

37. BANK ACCOUNT

The Association shall have a bank account. All monies received shall be banked without delay but in any case, no later than the seventh day from the date of receipt of such monies. All cheques issued on behalf of the Association shall be signed by the General Treasurer and the President or the General Secretary.

38. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts of the Association shall be reviewed by an Independent Qualified Accountant appointed by the Working Committee.

39. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) or such other sum as decided by the Council. Each affiliate association shall pay this to the General Treasurer seven (7) days before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

Affiliates in arrears of its subscription shall not be allowed to participate in the activities of the Association. Any affiliate whose subscription remains unpaid after the time specified shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred (\$100.00) unless the Council decides otherwise.

Affiliated Members are only eligible to vote if the affiliation fees are paid 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting

40. SPECIAL LEVY

Apart from the annual subscription, the Association may, as it deems necessary ask the affiliates and its members to contribute any special sum of money to the Association funds for the purpose of:

- i) Conducting tour of a team or teams of the Association.
- ii) Inviting a foreign team.
- iii) Organizing a special activity of the Association either social, religious, cultural, youth, educational or sporting in nature.
- iv) Any other purpose.

41. TITLE OF PROPERTY

The title of any land or buildings acquired for the use of the Association shall be in the name of the Association.

WORKING COMMITTEE

42. MEMBERS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE

- a) Members of the Working Committee shall be the officials listed in Clause 10 of this Constitution, including the Honorary members.
- b) Seven (7) members shall form its quorum.

43. FUNCTIONS

- a) This Committee shall be the executive arm of the Association and shall deal with all day-to-day matters and anything requiring immediate attention between Council meetings. It shall also deliberate on ways and means of creating more activities for the progress of the Association but keeping within the framework of this Constitution.
- b) It shall also attend to matters referred to it by the Annual General Meeting or the Council.
- c) This Committee shall attend to any matter which any sub-committee, either appointed by the Annual General Meeting or the Council, may neglect, delay, or is unable to carry out.
- d) It shall appoint delegates to represent the Association in all FIANZ and other meetings for the benefit of the Association.
- e) To act in place of the Council and perform and exercise all powers of the Council as if it were such in all matters which in its discretion require immediate attention.
- f) The Committee shall inter alia be responsible for:
 - i) Appointment of Disciplinary Committee (3 members)
 - ii) Appointment of Appeals Committee (3 members)

Qualification for Disciplinary and Appeals Committee:

- i) Minimum of tertiary education.
- ii) Minimum of one person with legal background.

Refer to clause 55 & Clause 56

COUNCIL

44. MANAGEMENT

- i) The Association's executive governing body shall be the Council.
- ii) The Council shall have the power to do all such acts and exercises as may be necessary for the attainment and the maintenance of the Aims and Objects and the Rules of the Association.

45. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS BINDING

The Council's resolutions and decisions shall be binding on all the members and the affiliates.

46. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- a) The Council shall constitute the following:
 - i) The officials of the Association.
 - ii) The Honorary Members.
 - iii) Affiliates' delegate.
 - iv) Members of the Consultative Committee shall not be entitled to vote.
- b) The Council may 'co-opt' any member to its body, but such co-opted members shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council.

47. DELEGATES OF AFFILIATES

Each affiliate shall be represented in the Council by three (3) delegates whose names shall be handed to the General Secretary in writing before the commencement of the meeting. These delegates may be substituted provided the President or the General Secretary of the affiliate authorizes such changes in writing. Only members of the respective affiliates shall be appointed delegates.

48. NOTICE OF MEETING

At least fourteen (14) days' notice together with the agenda shall be given to all officials, honorary members and the affiliates of the place, time, and date of the Council meeting by circular, letters, emails, and social media platforms. The agenda of the Council Meeting shall be circulated.

49. CHAIRMAN

Council meetings shall be presided by the President. In his absence, a Vice President or any executive member may be elected to the chair. The Chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote and exercise this only in case of equality of votes.

50. QUORUM

The quorum of the Council shall be as follows:

- i) At least 50% of affiliates shall be represented.
- ii) Inclusive of officials, Honorary members and affiliates delegates, there shall be at least fifteen (15) members present.
- iii) Should there be an absence of a quorum at the Annual General Meeting, within 30 minutes of the commencement time fixed, the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day and hour of the following week when those present shall be, notwithstanding the required number present as per clause (i) and (ii), must be competent to transact the business of the adjourned meeting.

51. COUNCILS POWERS

- a) **Amend and Repeal**
The Council may make, amend or repeal any or all By-laws, Rules or Regulations.
- b) **Over-ride Decisions**
The Council may over-ride the decisions of the Working Committee and any of the Sub-Committees.
- c) **Suspend Actions**
The Council may suspend any or all requirements or actions or commitments or resolutions in progress which need attending to or adjusted or replaced, provided that such power shall only be exercised with the consent of seventy- five (75) percent of members present.
- d) **Fill Vacancies**
The Council may fill vacancies created through resignation, death, dismissal, prolonged absence, physical handicap or legal conviction in the following positions: President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretaries, General Treasurer, Assistant General Treasurer, Working Committee and Sub Committee members.

52. COUNCILS FUNCTIONS

- a) Attending to all matters referred to it by the Working Committee or the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Council shall, from time to time as may be necessary, appoint committees from its members for special purpose(s) and delegate to such committee(s) authority as deemed appropriate.

53. INTERPRETATION OF LAWS

In the event of question or dispute arising at any point which is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the decision of the Council on all such matters shall be final.

WAIVER OR IRREGULARITY TO HOLD MEETINGS

No meeting of the Association and its Committees shall be deemed to be irregular, invalid or unconstitutional on any ground and in particular on the grounds that short notice has been given for the convening of such meeting or relating to the venue of such meeting have not been complied with PROVIDED HOWEVER that the members not less than the required quorum present there at expressly agree to waiver such irregularity and assent to hold such meeting.

54. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

The President and General Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all the Sub-Committees but shall not have the right to vote.

SUB-COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY WORKING COMMITTEE - CLAUSE 43 (f)

55. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- a) This Committee shall consist of three (3) members. An Assistant General Secretary of the Association shall serve as secretary to this committee; he shall not have voting rights. It shall be the General Secretary's duty to summons the offenders, the complainants or witnesses as they may be necessary.
- b) This Committee shall deal with all cases of misconduct arising out of tournaments or other activities of the Association. It may also deal with other cases of misconduct if the Council so decides. This Committee shall not delay the execution of any case which is referred to it for more than three (3) months.

56. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Appeals Committee shall consist of three (3) members. It shall entertain and deal with any case subjected to disciplinary action by the Council or the Disciplinary Committee. Leave of the Council shall however be taken in cases where the disciplinary actions have been taken by the Council. The decisions of this committee shall be final and binding.

57. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

All members of the Association, including affiliates, officials and members are to abide by this Constitution and any Rules, Regulations and By-laws which are in force.

58. MISCONDUCT

Disciplinary action shall be taken by the Association against the following:

- i) Any official or member of the Association or any of its affiliates reported or found abusing or insulting or assaulting or attempting to assault any official, honorary member or a sub-committee member of the Association or refusing to obey any directive or decision of any forum of the Association.
- ii) Any affiliate, team, official or member, who commits a breach of Rules, Regulation or By-laws of the Association or acts against the interests of the Association.
- iii) Any affiliate team, official, member or player found or reported to have displayed disorderly behavior or infringing any of the Association By-laws or Competition rules in force or rules and regulations of any game or activity of the Association.

59. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- i) All reports or complaints on misconduct shall be addressed to the General Secretary who shall refer all matters of misconduct with the exception of those arising out of tournaments by the Association shall be referred to the Working Committee. Disciplinary matters arising out of tournaments of the Association shall be directed to the Disciplinary Committee.
- ii) The Working Committee shall scrutinize the cases referred to it and if the cases merit further action, the Working Committee shall refer them to the Council.
- iii) The Council may either deal with the cases of misconduct upon being referred or it may appoint (an) Investigation Committee(s) of three (3) members (each) or may refer the matters to the Disciplinary committee. In cases where the Investigation

Committees are appointed, their (Investigation Committee's) duties shall be to hold a thorough investigation of the cases and forward their findings in writing within the time allowed by the Council to the General Secretary who shall refer the reports to the Working Committee.

- iv) If the case at hand merits further action, the Working Committee shall summons the accused in writing to the following Council Meeting where the report of the Investigation Committee shall be tabled and the case dealt with. If the accused fails to be present at the Council, the Council may decide upon the case in absentia.
- v) Any member of the Association, affiliate official, member or player found guilty of misconduct under this Constitution shall be either suspended for a period of time and / or fined or expelled depending upon the merits/demerits of the case. Such decisions shall be final and binding.

60. COMPLAINT AGAINST OFFICIAL

Any member of NZMSA shall be entitled to forward to the Council a complaint against any official of the Association or any official of an affiliate by completing and submitting the prescribed "complaint form" annexed to this Constitution. The form shall be signed by the complainant and submitted to the General Secretary

The complainant must relate to an act of omission or misconduct in performance of his official duties. Complaints of personal nature shall not be entertained.

It shall be the responsibility of the complainant if required, to appear before the Council or such other committee as the Council may direct in order to substantiate the allegations made.

61. VOTE OF NON- CONFIDENCE

- a) A Vote of No Confidence may be moved at a Council Meeting against any official of NZMSA provided that notice of intention to move such a vote shall be given to the General Secretary twenty-one (21) clear days before a Council Meeting at which such a motion is to be heard.
- b) Service of Notice of Motion of Non-confidence together with the notice of the Council meeting shall be served or delivered upon the official concerned fourteen (14) days before the Council meeting.

No motion on a vote of non-confidence shall be moved again within three (3) months after such a motion has been dealt with against the same official.

- c) If after due inquiry in the presence or absence of the official concerned, a resolution of non-confidence is passed by two-thirds of the members present in the Council Meeting, the official concerned shall be deemed to have resigned from the office he occupies in NZMSA and as a member of the Council.

62. RESIGNATION

Any member of NZMSA wishing to resign from the Association shall notify the General Secretary of the Association or the Secretary of the affiliate concerned by a letter and upon receipt of such a letter by either of them, such resignation shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Association.

63. AFFILIATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- i) All affiliates shall be responsible to answer the Association on charges for misconduct of their team, officials and members.
- ii) The affiliates shall co-operate and assist fully in any inquiry pertaining to the misconduct of their members and shall give total effect to the decisions arising out of misconduct of their members.
- iii) The affiliates shall notify the Association of all the disciplinary action they take against their own members.

64. SUSPENDED MEMBERS

- i) A suspended or an expelled member of this Association shall not be eligible to become a member or participate in the activities of any of its affiliates.
- ii) A suspended or an expelled member of any affiliate shall not be eligible to become a member or participate in the activities of this Association or any of its affiliates.

65. APPEALS

- i) **Rights**
Any member, official or affiliates fined, suspended or expelled as a result of disciplinary action taken against him shall have the right of appeal provide however, that all suspensions and/or expulsions shall remain in effect until such time as the term ends unless the Appeals Committee/Council decides otherwise.
- ii) **Submission**
Appeals shall be submitted in writing through the respective affiliate within fourteen (14) days from the time the punishment is given. All submissions of appeal together with the appeals fee which shall be hundred (100) dollars shall be addressed to the General Secretary. Appeals fee shall not be refundable.
- iii) **Withdrawal**
An appeal may be withdrawn in writing by the appellant's affiliate.
- iv) **Appeals Committee**
Unless the Council otherwise decides, all appeals shall be heard by the 'Appeals Committee.'

66. DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

- a) This Association may be dissolved by a motion to that effect passed at a General Meeting if in its opinion the Association's activities are contrary to the aims and objects for which it is formed; provided however;
 - i) That seventy-five (75) per cent of the members present at the General Meeting of the Association must be in favour of such dissolution.
 - ii) That notice of at least twenty eight (28) days shall have been given for convening of a meeting for the dissolution.
- b) Upon such dissolution as provided in 66 (a) above and upon certifying by the reviewers of the Association:
 - i) All the assets together with any money remaining after playing out all the debt shall be handed over to FIANZ or to a charity.
 - ii) All the liabilities, if there are any, shall be discharged by the Association.

GENERAL

67. AMMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended, added to or repealed by a motion at any General Meeting of the Association provided that seventy-five (75) per cent of the members present are in favour of the amendments. Such motion may be moved by any office-bearer, life member or affiliates provided that the motion in writing is sent to the General Secretary twenty-one (21) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

68. CONTROL AND USE OF THE COMMON SEAL

- a) The Association shall have a Common Seal with the Inscription: The Common Seal of New Zealand Muslim Sports Association Inc.
- b) The Common Seal shall be under the custody of the General Secretary or in his absence the President of the Association.
- c) No document shall be deemed to have been properly sealed with the Common Seal of the Association without the endorsement by signatures of the President and the General Secretary or in the absence of any of those by any person appointed to any of those positions by the Association.

69. CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTNESS AND ADOPTION

We certify that this is a true copy of the Constitution which was adopted by the New Zealand Muslim Sports Association Inc. at an Annual General Meeting held on 2 September 2007 at Al Mustafa Mosque, Otahuhu, Auckland.

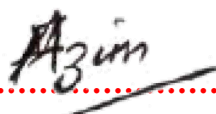
The constitution was further amended and adopted by New Zealand Muslim Sports Association Inc at the Council Meeting held at Porchester Islamic Centre on 17th September 2023, in accordance with Mandate given at the 2022 AGM.



General Secretary

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President.....



Treasurer.....

NEW ZEALAND MUSLIM. SPORTS ASSOCIATION Inc.

FORM No.1

NOMINATION FORM

1. POSITION.....
CANDIDATE
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.....
AFFILIATED CLUB.....
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2. We the undersigned testify that the above nominee has been a member of our club/New Zealand Muslim Sports Association for the past 12 months

President.....Sign.....Date.....

Secretary.....Sign.....Date.....

AFFILIATED CLUB.....

3. I.....hereby give consent to the above
(Name)
club to nominate me to the position of.....
with New Zealand Muslim Sports Association.
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4. For office use.

Date Received.....

Approved/declined.....

General Secretary.....

Date.....
