

THE PUNJAB STATE (DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION OF SPORTS) ACT, 2024

Statement of Reasons and Objects:

1. To frame the law relating to formation and registration of Sports Associations and for their democratic functioning at the District and State levels, enrolment of members by the Associations and elections of the Governing Bodies which shall be responsible for management of the Sports Association.
2. To ensure adoption of National and International good standard of practices in the functioning of the Sports Associations for different games.
3. To lay down the procedure for fair selection of players to represent the Districts and State of Punjab.
4. To see that activities of Sports Associations are well coordinated with calendar of Education Department.
5. To provide for election, removal and suspension of the Executive Committee or members of the Executive Committee in case of misconduct or non performance and to make interim arrangement by appointing the Administrator by whatever name they may be called, who shall be responsible for management of the Association during the interregnum period and for conducting fresh elections.
6. To see that funds given by Government to Sports Associations for promotion of sports are utilised in a transparent manner for the welfare of the sports persons.

Section - 1

1. **Short Title, Extent and Commencement.** (1) This Act shall be called the Punjab State (Development & Promotion of Sports) Act, 2023.
- (2) It shall extend to whole of the State of Punjab.
- (3) It shall come into force from the date it is notified in the official gazette.

(4) Save as otherwise expressly provided by the Government, the Act shall apply to all sportspersons, autonomous sports bodies, federations & associations, departments, offices and persons associated with the development & promotion of Sports in the State.

Section - 2

2. **Definitions:-** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
- (a) “association” means an Association registered or deemed to be registered under this Act;
 - (b) “bye-law” means the bye-laws framed by the Association and registered by the Registrar;
 - (c) “Coaches” means coaches of the concerned game working the Sports or Education Department in the district and includes coaches working in private organisations in the district for at least for the last 4 years, who possesses the qualification for appointment as a Coach in the Department of Sports and Youth Welfare, Punjab.
 - (d) “District” means a revenue district notified by the Department of Revenue;
 - (e) “Committee” means the Executive Committee of the Association in whom the management of the affairs of the Association is entrusted;
 - (f) “Financial year” means commencing from the 1st day of the month of April of an year and ending with the 31st day of the month of March of the following year;
 - (g) “Government” means the Government of Punjab in the Department of Sports and Youth Welfare;
 - (h) “Member” means a person admitted as a member in a Sports Association, after registration, in accordance with the Act, Rules and the bye-laws;
 - (i) “Memorandum of association” means Memorandum of Association of an Association for the time being in force;

- (j) “Office Bearer” means President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Joint Secretary, Manager, Treasurer and any other member of the Executive Committee of the Association and includes an Administrator;
- (k) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules;
- (l) “Public notice” means a notice published in at least two newspapers of high circulation in the area out of which one shall be in vernacular and copy of which shall also be displayed on the notice board of the office of the Association and sent to the District Sports Officer;
- (m) “Registrar” means the District Sports Officer of the District concerned;
- (n) “Registrar General” means the Director, Sports and Youth Welfare, Punjab appointed by the Government under Section 3 of the Act;
- (o) “Rules” means the rules made under this Act;
- (p) “Sportsperson” means a player of the game, from the district, who has won a medal at district level or above during the last 20 years;
- (q) “State Association” means a body registered under the Act;

Section – 3

3. **Aims and objects of the District Association:-** Aims and objectives of a District Association shall be:

- (i) promotion of sports in the District;
- (ii) ensure adoption of National and International good practices in the functioning of the Sports Associations for different games;
- (iii) lay down procedure for fair selection of players to represent the District and the State;
- (iv) to see that activities of Sports Associations are well coordinated with calendar of education department;

District Sports Association:

Section – 4

4. **District Sports Association:** An Association which has its object of promotion of sports in the District may be registered under this Act. There shall be one and only one District Association for a particular game at the district level e.g. District Badminton Association, Patiala and so on Subject to the provisions contained hereinafter.

Section – 5

5. **Application for registration:-** (1) For the purposes of registration of an Association in a District, an application shall be made to the Registrar by signing a Memorandum of Association.
- (2) The Memorandum of Association shall contain the addresses, description, occupation, email and mobile numbers and signed in the presence of at least two witnesses. Bye-laws shall also be signed by the signatories to the Memorandum.
- (3) All existing Associations shall apply afresh to the District Registrar for registration within 6 months.
- (4) Where a District Sports Association does not exist, any seven or more sportspersons by subscribing their names to a memorandum can apply to Registrar to form themselves into an Association.

Section – 6

6. **Registration:-** (1) Registrar shall register the Association if he is satisfied that:
- (a) that the application complies with the provisions of this Act and the rules;
- (b) that the objects of the proposed Association are in accordance with section 4.
- (c) that the proposed bye-laws are not contrary to the provisions of this Act and the rules.

(2) The application for registration shall be disposed by the Registrar within a period of two months from the date of receipt thereof by him.

(5) If the District Registrar refuses to register an Association, he shall state the reasons therefor and communicate the same to the applicants.

(6) Every Association shall have a registered office situated at any place in the district in which it is registered, to which all communications and notices shall be addressed. Information about every change in the address of the Association shall be intimated to the District Registrar under registered post.

Section – 7

7. **Registration certificate:-** Where an Association is registered under this Act, the Registrar shall issue a certificate of registration signed by him, which shall be conclusive evidence that the District Association mentioned therein is duly registered under this Act.

Section - 8

8. Persons who may become members:

- (i) Players of the game from the district, who have won a medal at district level or above during the last 20 years on the date of submission of the application for membership;
- (ii) Coaches of the game working in Sports or Education Department in the district;
- (iii) Coaches working in the private organisations in the district for at least for the last least 4 years, who have the qualification to be appointed as such in the Department of Sports and Youth Services Punjab;
- (iv) Should be above 18 years and below 70 years of age.

Section -9

9. **Votes of members:-** Every member of the Association shall have one vote in the affairs of the Association:

Provided that in case of an equality of votes, the President/Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Section - 10

10. **Manner of casting vote:-** Every member of the Association shall exercise his vote in person and no member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

Section – 11

11. **General Body of the Association:-** (1) The total number of persons admitted as members of the Association in accordance with the provisions of the Act shall constitute its General Body.

(2) The quorum for the meeting of the General Body shall not be less than fifty percent of the total members.

(3) A clear notice of fifteen days specifying the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting shall be given to the members of the General Body in the manner as may be prescribed in the bye-laws. A copy of such notice along with the business to be transacted during the general meeting shall also be endorsed to the Registrar.

(4) The Registrar may nominate an officer subordinate to him or an independent observer to be present at such general meeting.

Section – 12

12. **Election and Nomination of Members of the Executive:-** (1) There shall be President, General Secretary, Treasurer and 3 to 6 more Executive Members in every District Sports Association to be elected by the General Body. The Executive Committee shall have odd number of members. At least 2 members of the Executive Committee shall be women. Any person domiciled in the district, between the age of 25 and 66, not having any political affiliations, who is not a government servant, who has not been

convicted by a court of law, can contest to be a member of the executive. To contest for the position of General Secretary, a person must additionally be a medal winner at least at the State Level..

(2) The members of the executive shall be elected for a 4 year term by the Members of the Association, by way of secret ballot, under the supervision of District Sports Officer and a nominee of the District Magistrate. A person can be member of the Executive for upto 2 terms continuously which shall be followed by a cooling off period of 1 term.

(3) The process of election of Executive Committee of a District Sports Association shall be commenced by the Executive Committee three months prior to the due date so that the newly elected Executive Committee is in place on or before the due date.

(4) Quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be 2/3rd members

Section – 13

13. **Annual General Meeting:** A general meeting of Association shall be held once in a year within 6 months of the close of the financial year for the purpose of –

- (a) approval of the programme of the activities of the society prepared by the committee for the ensuing year;
- (b) election, if any, of the members of the committee other than nominated members;
- (c) consideration of the audit report and the annual report;
- (d) appointment of auditor or auditing firm;
- (e) information regarding admission and termination of members;
- (f) consideration of any other matter which may be brought forward in accordance with the bye-laws.

Section – 14

14. **Special General Meetings:-** The Executive Committee of the Association may, at any time call a special general meeting of the

Association and shall call such meeting within one month after the receipt of a requisition in writing from at least 1/3rd of the members.

State Association of Sports

Section – 15

15. **State Sports Association:** (1) There shall be one and only one State Sports Association, in the State, for a particular game.

(2) Executive members of all District Sports Associations shall form the General Body of the State Sports Association.

Section - 16

16. **Registration of State Sports Association:** Any 10 or more members of the Executive Committees of the District Sports Associations of a game, may apply to the Registrar General, by subscribing their names to a memorandum to form themselves into a State Sports Association.

(1) If the Registrar General is satisfied

- (a) that the application complies with the provisions of this Act and the rules;
- (b) that the objects of the proposed Association are in accordance with section 4;
- (c) that the proposed bye-laws are not contrary to the provisions of this Act and the rules.

(2) The application for registration shall be disposed by the Registrar General within a period of two months from the date of receipt thereof by him.

(3) All existing State Sports Associations shall apply afresh to the Registrar-General for registration within 9 months as per this Act.

(4) Every State Sports Association, shall have a registered office situated at any place in the State to which all communications and notices shall be addressed. Information about every change in the address of the State Sports Association shall be intimated to the Registrar-General under registered post.

Section – 17

17. **Registration certificate:-** Where a State Sports Association is registered under this Act, the Registrar-General shall issue a certificate of registration signed by him, which shall be conclusive evidence that the State Sports Association mentioned therein is duly registered under this Act.

Section – 18

18. Every member of the State Sports Association shall exercise his vote in person and no member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

Section – 19

19. **General Body of the State Sports Association:** (1) The total number of persons admitted as members of the State Sports Association in accordance with the provisions of the Act shall constitute its General Body.

(2) The quorum for the meeting of the General Body shall not be less than fifty percent of the total members.

(3) A clear notice of fifteen days specifying the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting shall be given to the members of the General Body in the manner as may be prescribed in the bye-laws. A copy of such notice along with the business to be transacted during the general meeting shall also be endorsed to the Registrar General.

(4) The Registrar General may nominate an officer subordinate to him or an independent observer to be present at such general meeting.

Section – 20

20. **Annual General Meeting:** A general meeting of Association shall be held once in a year within 6 months of the close of the financial year for the purpose of :

- (a) consideration of the audit report and the annual report of last year;
- (b) approval of the programme of the activities of the society prepared by the committee for the ensuing year;
- (b) election, if any, of the members of the committee other than nominated members;
- (c) appointment of auditor or auditing firm;
- (e) information regarding admission and termination of members;
- (d) consideration of any other matter which may be brought forward in accordance with the bye-laws.

Section – 21

21. **Special General Meetings:-** The Executive Committee of the Association may, at any time call a special general meeting of the Association and shall call such meeting within one month after the receipt of a requisition in writing from at least 1/3rd members.

Section – 22

22. **Election and Nomination of Members of the Executive:** (1) Executive Committee consisting of the President, General Secretary, Treasurer, 3 to 6 more members to be elected by the General Body plus upto 3 senior most awardees of Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Award and Balbir Singh Senior Award of the Sport from the State to be nominated by Registrar General. At least 3 members of the Executive Committee shall be women. Any person domiciled in the state, between the age of 25 and 66, not having any political affiliations, who is not a government servant, has not been convicted by a court of law, can contest to be a member of the executive. To contest for the position of General Secretary, a person must additionally be a medal winner at least at the National Level.

(2) The members of Executive shall be elected for a 4 year term by way of secret ballot, under the supervision of Director Sports and a nominee of the Administrative Secretary of the Sports Department. A person can be

member of the Executive for upto 2 terms continuously which shall be followed by a cooling off period of 1 term.

- (3) Quorum of the Executive Committee meeting shall be 2/3rd members.
- (4) The process of election of Executive Committee of a State Association shall be commenced by the Executive Committee three months prior to the due date so that the newly elected Executive Committee is in place on or before the due date.

Section - 23

23. **Acts of Associations not to be invalidated by certain defects:-** Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Act, no act or proceedings of an Association/State Sports Association or any of its office bearer shall be deemed to be invalid merely on the ground of any vacancy or defect in the organisation of the Association.

Section - 24

24. **Associations to be Body Corporate:-** (1) An Association/State Sports Association registered under the Act shall be a Body Corporate by the name under which it is registered and a common seal. The Association shall be entitled to acquire, hold and dispose of property, to enter into contracts, to institute and defend suits and other legal proceedings and to do all other things necessary in furtherance of its aims and objects, for which, it has been established.

(2) No suit or proceedings shall abate by reason of any vacancy or change in the holder of the office of the President, the Secretary or any office-bearer.

Section - 25

25. **Membership Register:-** (1) Every District Sports Association and the State Sports Association, shall maintain a register of its members at its registered office and shall enter therein the following particulars:-

- (a) the name, address and occupation of each member;

- (b) the date on which the member's name was entered in the register;
- (c) the date on which any person ceased to be a member.
- (d) register shall be signed by the member concerned against his name.

(2) The register of members shall be kept open at the registered office of the Association and remain accessible to any officer of the office of the Registrar, Registrar General or any member of the Association/State Sports Association during the business hours.

Section - 26

26. **Cessation of Membership:** A member admitted to an Association shall cease to be so in the following events:

- (i) upon submission and acceptance of his resignation; or
- (ii) if he ceases to fulfil the eligibility conditions for being admitted as a member; or
- (iii) upon death of the member.

Section - 27

27. **Memorandum of Association shall state:**

- (i) the name of the Association;
- (ii) the aims and objects of the Association;
- (iii) the names, addresses and occupations of the members of the first Executive Committee to whom the management of its affairs is entrusted under the Bye-laws; and
- (iv) the place and the district in which the registered office of the Association is situated;
- (v) procedure for holding the general body meetings and the powers of the general body;

- (vi) constitution of the Executive Committee and powers and duties of the Executive Committee and the officers of the Association;
- (vii) the manner in which the funds may be raised;
- (viii) the nature and the extent of the liability of members;
- (ix) withdrawal from membership and expulsion of members;
- (x) authority to sue and be sued by and on behalf of the Association or its officers concerning the affairs of the Association;

Section - 28

28. **Manner of Maintenance of Accounts:-** (1) District as well as State Sports Associations shall maintain accounts electronically as per standard accounting practices and get it audited annually by a Chartered Accountant. Every Sports Association shall complete its accounts immediately on the close of every financial year and an annual statement of all items of expenditure and sources of income shall be published before the 31st day of May, including on its website and shall be placed before the general body for its consideration and approval.

(2) Documents and accounts prepared in electronic format shall be made available to Director Sports, Government of Punjab within 14 days of being demanded in writing.

Section - 29

29. **Uniformity in functioning of Sports Associations of different games:-** Sports Associations shall comply with all provisions of this act and the National Sports Code, including anti-doping code, prevention of age fraud code, citizenship criteria for selection of team, prevention of sexual harassment and so on. In case of conflict this Act shall prevail.

Section – 30

30. **Procedure for fair selection of teams or players to represent the Districts or State and Prevention of Sexual Harassment :** (1) The players and teams to represent a district or state shall be selected by a 5 member committee of General Secretary of the Association, 2 senior most coaches

from the Department of Sports and 2 retired eminent/ award winning players of the Sport, from the district/state as the case may be.

(2) If a player is aggrieved against his non-selection, he can approach the Dispute Resolution Committee within 7 days from the date of his non-selection.

(3) There shall be a 5 member **Committee on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Sportspersons** in each District and a 5 member State Level Committee on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Sportspersons. The District Committees shall be notified by the respective District Magistrates out of the members of the Executive Committees of District Sports Associations with 3 female and 2 male members. The State Level Committee shall be notified by Administrative Secretary of the Sports Department in the same manner out of the members of Executive Committees of State Sports Associations. The committees shall be notified afresh every 3 years. The District Committees shall look into any complaints of Sexual Harassment by sports persons from their districts who may take suo-moto notice of any such incidents also. The committees will enquire into all such cases within 30 days of coming to their notice and shall help the aggrieved get justice under appropriate Act(s). Any sports person not satisfied with efforts/working of a district committee may approach the State Level Committee who may take required action itself or issue necessary directions to the District Committee or transfer the case to another District Committee.

Section - 31

31. **Mechanism for coordination of associations with government for holding camps and competitions so that these work in harmony with studies:-** Sports Associations shall draw up calendar of sports activities such as camps, leagues and competitions for the ensuing year in coordination with Department of Sports, Government of Punjab and upload on their website by 31st of March every year. Department of Sports will finalise the calendar within 30 days of submission by an Association.

Section - 32

32. **Provision for dissolution, interim arrangement and re-election of District Sports Associations/State Sports Association or members thereof in case of misconduct or non performance:** If an enquiry by a retired judge, not below the rank of an Additional District Judge, to be completed within 90 days preferably, establishes any of the following:

- (i) None performance of essential activities in the mandate of the association
- (ii) Not holding election of Association in time; or
- (iii) Not preparing audited annual accounts with clear statement of items of expenditure and income and uploading on association's website; or
- (iv) Misappropriation of funds; or
- (v) Not furnishing information sought by Department of Sports within 30 days; or
- (vi) if the affiliation of a Sports Association is suspended by the National Association or Federation concerned.

Administrative Secretary of the Department of Sports and Youth Services, Government of Punjab may in case of a State Sports Association and Director, Sports and Youth Services, Punjab in case of a District Sports Association may in public interest, suspend the Executive Committee or any member(s) of the Executive of the/State Sports Association for a period of upto 6 months

(2) If a regular enquiry by a retired judge, not below the rank of Additional District Judge, confirms the findings of the preliminary enquiry, a member of the executive of the Sports Association shall be removed and fresh election to the office shall be held within 90 days to constitute the Executive Committee or fill in the vacancy.

(3) The aggrieved person(s) can refer the dispute to the Disputes Resolution Committee at the District Level or the State Level relating to the District Sports Association and the State Sports Association as the case may within 30 days from the date the decision/order is communicated under registered post after a regular enquiry.

Section - 33

33. Dispute Resolution:- (1) District Dispute Resolution Committee at district level shall be headed by District Magistrate, with District Sports Officer as Member Secretary and 2 to 3 eminent/ award winning retired sports persons of the game concerned to be nominated by the District Magistrate.

Decision of the District Dispute Resolution Committee shall be final and shall not be questioned in any Court of Law.

(2) Dispute Resolution Committee at State level shall be headed by Administrative Secretary, Department of Sports, Punjab with Director, Sports as Member Secretary and 2 to 3 eminent/ award winning retired sports persons of game concerned to be nominated by the Administrative Secretary. Decision of the State Dispute Resolution Committee shall be final and shall not be called in question in any Court of Law.

(3) The Dispute Resolution Committees shall have powers of Code of Civil Procedure 1908 for conducting an enquiry as given below:-

- (a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;
- (b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;
- (c) proof of facts by affidavits; and
- (d) issuing commissions for examination of witnesses.

Section - 34

34. **Promotion of Sports:** Government may give funds or equipment to Sports Associations for promotion of sports in the state and may prescribe manner in which these will be utilised.

Section - 35

35. **Proceedings of the Executive Committee:-** The proceedings of the Executive Committee/General Body meetings of the District Associations and the State Sports Association shall be recorded in a proceedings book, which shall be signed by the President and the General Secretary. The proceedings shall be confirmed by the members in the next meeting, who attended the previous meeting. In case the President and the General Secretary are not present, then minutes of the meeting shall be signed by the Member, who presided over the meeting along with another member of the Executive. Any resolution passed by the Executive Committee or the General Body, as the case may be, if it is not consistent with the provisions of the Act, rules or the bye-laws, can be declared invalid on a reference made by any member of the Executive Committee, to the Registrar or Registrar General as the case may be.

Section – 36

36. Securing possession of records etc.:- (1) (a) If the record, registers or the books of accounts of the Association are likely to be tampered with or destroyed and the funds and property of the Association are likely to be misappropriated or misapplied; or

(b) if the Executive Committee is reconstituted at a general meeting of the Association or, the Executive Committee is removed by the State Registrar and the outgoing members, of the executive committee refuse to hand over charge of the records and property of the Association to those having or entitled to receive such charge;

the District Registrar may apply to the magistrate, within whose jurisdiction the Association functions, for securing the records and property of the Association.

(2) On receipt of an application under sub-section (1), the magistrate may, by a warrant, authorise any police officer, not below the rank of Sub-Inspector, to enter and search any place where the records and the property are kept or are believed to be kept and to seize such records and property; and the records and property so seized shall be handed over to the new Committee or Administrator of the Association as the case may be.

Section – 37

37. **Surcharge:-** Every member of an Association may, be sued or prosecuted by the Association, for any loss or damage caused to it or its property or for anything detrimental done by him against the interest of the Association by way of raising a dispute before the Registrar-General. and However, after he ceases to be the Member of the Executive within 3 years from the date of his ceasing as a Member of the Executive.

Section - 38

38. Appeals:- (1) An appeal shall lie under this section against –

(a) an order of the Registrar refusing to register the District Association;

- (b) an order of the Association refusing to admit any member;
 - (c) an order of the State Association refusing to admit any member;
 - (d) an order of the District Association expelling any member;
 - (e) an order of the State Association expelling any member;
 - (f) an order of the District Registrar setting aside the election or dismissing the election dispute in respect of the District Sports Association;
 - (g) an order of the Registrar-General setting aside the election or dismissing the election dispute in respect of a State Sports Association;
 - (h) an order of surcharge passed by the Registrar-General.
- (2) An appeal shall lie within 30 days from the date of decision to:-
- (i) the District Registrar against the order passed by the District Association;
 - (ii) the Registrar-General against the order passed by the District Registrar on appeal;
 - (iii) the Registrar-General against the order passed by the State Association;
 - (iv) the Registrar-General against the order passed by the District Registrar on appeal;
 - (v) Where an order originates from the Registrar General, an appeal against such order shall lie before the Government.
- (3) Any appeal shall be filed within a period of 30 days of the date of decision. The appellate authority may entertain an appeal beyond this period up to a maximum period of sixty days on sufficient grounds for condonation of delay being shown.
- (4) Every appeal shall be accompanied with the fee as prescribed and the copy of the order appealed against.

Section – 39

39. Notice:- (1) Any notice, order or requisition meant for an Association or for the Executive Committee thereof to be issued by the District Registrar, or the Registrar General or the State Government shall be served on the President or Secretary of the Association, and service on the President or the Secretary of the Association shall be effectual as if the same had been served on every member of the Association.

(2) The notice, order or requisition to the President or Secretary of the Association shall be sent by registered post/WhatsApp or email or by any other mode, the service delivery of which can be tracked, at its registered office and once dispatched, it shall be deemed to have been served upon the Association.

Section - 40

40. **Fee payable:-** (1) The Government may prescribe fees payable for following purposes, namely:

- (i) application for registration of Association;
- (ii) inspection of documents in the custody of the Registrar;
- (iii) making or granting copies of any entries or documents before or after registration;
- (iv) filing of appeals; and
- (v) such other matters as appear to Government necessary to give effect to the purposes of the Act including late fees.

(2) All fees and penalties payable under the provisions of the Act, if not paid, shall be recoverable as arrears of land revenue. The amount so collected shall be credited to the consolidated fund of the State.

Section - 41

41. **Public Documents:-** (1) All documents filed by an Association with the District Registrar under the Act shall be deemed to be public documents and can be accessed by any citizen under the provisions of the Right to

Information Act, 2005. To that extent, every Association registered under the Act shall be deemed to be a public office for the purposes of the said Act and shall be liable to supply the requisite information against the fee prescribed by the Association, if any, for that purpose.

(2) Notwithstanding the above, information relating to all other proceedings and internal processes of the working of an Association is within its exclusive jurisdiction and accessible to the members of such Association and the offices of the District Registrar and Registrar General.

Section – 42

42. **Directives:-** The Government shall be competent to issue such directions to any Association/District Sports Association, as may be necessary, for the proper enforcement of the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder, which shall be binding.

Section – 43

43. **Bar of jurisdiction of Civil Court:-** (1) No Civil Court shall have jurisdiction to entertain or proceed with a suit, settle, decide or deal with any matter which, under the Act, is required to be settled, decided or dealt with by an authority under the Act.

(2) No order of the Government, Registrar General, Registrar or District Registrar made under or in pursuance of the Act shall be called in question in any court.

Section - 44

44. **Indemnity:-** No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Registrar General or the Registrar or any officer or official subordinate to him acting under his authority, in respect of anything done by or purporting to have been done by him in good faith under the Act.

Section - 45

45. **Rules making power:-** (1) The Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of the Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for:

- (i) drafting Bye-laws;
- (ii) conditions and procedure to be followed in making, amending and abrogating Bye-laws;
- (iii) forms and documents required for the registration of Association;
- (iv) Forms and Registers required to be maintained;
- (v) Annual and other returns to be filed along with fee;
- (vi) manner and verification of various forms of accounts, returns and registers;
- (vii) qualifications of Administrator, members of the Committee to assist the Administrator, returning officers, observers, and of the persons authorised to hold inquiry;
- (viii) procedure to be followed for dissolution of an Association;
- (ix) inspection of documents kept by the Registrar and the grant of copies thereof;
- (x) custody of books, papers and documents in the Registrar's office and the destruction of such books, papers and documents;
- (xi) any other matter for carrying into effect the provisions of the Act;
- (xii) fee to be paid;

Section - 46

46. **Overriding effect:-** Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Act, the provisions of the Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other State law for the time being in force.

Section - 47

47. **Repeal:-** (1) The Societies Registration Act, 1860, in its application to the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Punjab so far it relates to the registration of sports associations are concerned is hereby repealed.

(2) Any Association registered at any place in any District in the State of Punjab under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, shall have to apply for registration afresh with the eligibility conditions mentioned in the Act within six months from the date of notification of the Act.