



CONSTITUTION

● Article 1 : ACRONYMS

1.1 For the purpose of this Constitution, the following acronyms shall apply:

ACBC	Asian Carom Billiard Confederation
UMB	Union Mondiale de billard
GAASF	General Association of Asian Sports Federations
OCA	Olympic Council of Asia
SEAGF	SEA Games Federation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
WCBS	World Confederation of Billiard Sports
APBU	Asian Pocket Billiards Union
ACBS	Asian Confederation of Billiards Sports
NOC	National Olympic Committee
NSA	National Sport Association
ASF	Asian Sports Federation
AGM	Annual General Meeting
EGM	Extraordinary General Meeting
BM	Board Meeting

● Article 2 : NAME

2.1 This organization shall be named the “Asian Carom Billiard Confederation”, hereinafter referred to as the “Confederation” or bearing the acronym “ACBC”.

2.2 ACBC is accredited by OCA, GAASF and SEAGF as the ASF for their respective multi-sport games in Asia. It is duly represented on the Board of UMB, and, through the latter, directly or indirectly on the WCBS Board.



● Article 3 : REGISTERED OFFICE

- 3.1 The registered address of the Confederation shall be as designated by the Council. The correspondence address shall coincide with that of the office of the Secretary General for the time being.

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● Article 4 : LANGUAGE

- 4.1 The official language of the Confederation shall be in English.

● Article 5 : OBJECTS

- 5.1 The objects of the Confederation shall be:

5.1.1 To promote, foster, sanction and promulgate the Carom throughout Asia;

5.1.2 To advise NSAs on all aspects in organizing "Carom" under ACBC competitions and conditions;

5.1.3 To foster friendly relationship among all NSAs regardless of their affiliation status with the Confederation;

5.1.4 To co-operate with WCBS, UMB and any other international/regional organizations of Billiard Sports for the common promotion thereof;

5.1.5 To become joint partners, sponsors, promoters and organizers for the sport

5.1.6 To publish newsletters, journals, periodicals, and articles of common interest on Billiard Sports;

5.1.7 To help promote disciplines of pool and snooker to work closely with APBU and ACBS for organizing Billiard Sports competitions at multi-sport events within Asia; and

5.1.8 To do any such other things or matters that will further enhance the good image of the sport and/or the Confederation

● Article 6 : THE COUNCIL

6.1 The organizational structure of ACBC shall consist of the “Council”, duly represented by one (1) accredited delegate from each Country Member.

● Article 7 : THE BOARD

7.1 The Board shall comprise the elected Executive Officers, namely, the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary General, Sports Director and Treasurer.

7.2 The Board shall exercise such administration powers that are consistent with and in conformity to the provisions of the Constitution.

● Article 8 : EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

8.1 The Executive Officers, elected at a BM, shall comprise the President; Vice-Presidents, Secretary General, Sports Director and Treasurer. They shall be in full charge of the day-to-day administration of the Confederation.

8.2 The Executive Officers shall be elected for a term of Four (4) years at a BM.

Each is eligible for re-election upon expiry. Every candidate for an elective office shall be duly nominated by his NSA and seconded by a Country Member who is in benefit.

8.3 **Election of Executive Officers** - The nominations so received by the Secretary General shall be circulated to all Country Members at least four (4) weeks prior to a BM wherein elections are scheduled to take place. In case there are two or more candidates for an office and if so desired by the candidates, the Chairman of the Meeting at the time shall allow them to speak to the Delegates at a BM for five (5) minutes each to explain their track records and vision to the membership.

8.3.1 A candidate standing for election and having been duly nominated, properly proposed and seconded, for any executive position shall be required to submit his written consent thereto, either by himself or by proxy, to the Secretary General at least six (6) weeks before the BM concerned.

8.4 President

8.4.1 The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Confederation; he shall preside at all meetings of ACBC and have a general supervision of the affairs thereof. He shall sign and/or countersign all certificates, vouchers and any outgoing checks for payment on behalf of ACBC. He shall submit a report to the BM and perform such other duties incidental to his office or as are properly required of him by board for due performance.



8.5 Delegate

8.5.1 The Delegate of ACBC shall exercise such functions and duties of the President in the latter's absence. He shall have such powers and shall discharge such responsibilities as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board and/or the President.

8.6 Honorary President

8.6.1 The Board may appoint someone as Honorary President of ACBC in recognition for his contributions and services to the development of Carom in the Asian region.

8.7 Honorary Vice-President(Championship)

8.7.1 The Honorary Vice-President (Championship) shall be the current president of a Country Member hosting the ACBC Asian Carom Championship or an official so entrusted by the NSA of the host Country Member with the responsibility to organize the given ACBC Asian Carom Championship for that year. He shall report to the Board from time to time the progress concerning the aforesaid staging of the Championship.

8.7.2 His term of office shall commence from the date of appointment of his Country as host for the said championship till the conclusion thereof. He is required to summarize at the BM any problems hitherto encountered therefrom for future improvements by subsequent hosts.

8.8 Secretary General

8.8.1 The Secretary General (S.G. hereafter) shall carry out such daily affairs of the Confederation and shall perform such duties as may be assigned/delegated thereto by the President and/or by the Board.

The S.G. shall handle all correspondence, issue all notices of meetings, keep all minutes and hold custody thereof all records of the Confederation.

8.9 Treasurer

8.9.1 The Treasurer shall hold in trust all money and securities of the Confederation and keep a good record on regular book keeping and accounts thereof. He shall disburse such funds in such manner as may be authorized for time to time by the President and/or the Board.

8.10 Vacancies

8.10.1 Any vacancy in office of the Confederation arising from whatever cause may be filled in such an acting capacity for the remaining term by appointment of the President in consultation with the Board. Except in the case of the vacancy of the President, the new President shall be duly elected at the next BM or by postal ballot under Article 13 herein. For the time being, the **Delegate** shall be the acting President of ACBC.

8.11 Co-opted Officers

8.11.1 The President may, in consultation with the Board, appoint such co-opted officers as ACBC may deem necessary or expedient for the good running of the Confederation. Such co-opted officers shall hold office under such specific terms so determined therefor. Co-opted officers shall be entitled to attend a BM or any other authorized meetings but shall have no voting rights therein.

● Article 9 : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9.1 The Council may convene an AGM to coincide with its annual carom championship, and any other such meetings as may be necessary.

9.2 Country Members and/or Board members attending the said AGM shall be members who are in benefit in their annual subscription payments at the material time.

9.3 Eight (8) weeks prior to the date fixed for the AGM, the Secretary General shall issue a written notice thereof setting out the date, time and venue of the said meeting and the agenda containing, inter alia, the following listed business to be transacted thereat, including any motion hitherto received under the Constitution and necessitating decision thereof:

9.3.1 To read the notice convening the AGM;

9.3.2 To read and approve the minutes of the previous AGM or, if applicable, the minutes of other Council/Board meetings hitherto convened;

9.3.3 To receive the President's report;

9.3.4 To receive the Annual Report from the Secretary General,

9.3.5 To receive the Treasurer's audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December preceding, and a current statement of accounts ending one (1) month preceding the said AGM;

9.3.6 To receive a report from the host Country Member on the on-going championship;

9.3.7 To elect, where applicable, the Executive Officers, whose term of office shall be 4years;

9.3.8 To decide on the next hosting Country Member for the Asian carom championship, and, if available, two(2) other Country Members for subsequent hosts;

9.3.9 To decide on any circulated motion(s) for which a four (4) week notice has been duly given by the Secretary General in advance; and

9.3.10 To conduct any other business.

9.4 Quorum at Meetings

9.4.1 At an AGM, one-third of the total Country Members in benefit present shall constitute a quorum. At any other meetings, a simple majority thereof shall constitute the required quorum.

9.4.2 At all Board Meetings, one half of the Board members present shall constitute the required quorum.

9.4.3 In the event of a quorum not being achieved at an AGM within one (1) hour after commencement time, the said AGM shall be declared null and void. Thereafter, if it is proceed thereon by request from the floor, it shall remain null and void, save for the purpose of discussions for consideration.

9.4.4 If the aforesaid AGM has been aborted due to lack of quorum, a fresh AGM, if necessary, may be convened, based on the same procedures, timetable and agenda as per the aborted AGM. If no quorum is further achieved at this re-convened AGM, it shall be proceed therewith as constitutional, irrespective if there be a quorum achieved thereat or otherwise.

9.5 Voting

9.5.1 At an AGM, each Country Member is entitled to one (1) vote; Affiliate Members are not entitled to vote.

9.5.2 At an AGM, the Country Members present shall appoint a Returning Officer who shall not be a candidate standing for election and having no direct conflict of interest thereat, to oversee the election process.

9.5.3 All votes cast at an AGM shall be duly counted. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Country Members, candidates, officers of ACBC whose subscriptions are not in benefit at the material time shall not be entitled to vote or stand for election, as the case may be.

9.5.4 The chairman of the AGM shall have the casting vote on all issues in the event of a tie. An Executive Officer shall not be entitled to vote, unless he is similarly the duly accredited delegate representing his own Country Member thereat.

9.5.5 Save on matters relating expressly to Articles 10, 11.6, 13 and 15 herein, all other matters requiring voting shall be decided thereupon by a simple majority of votes either by a show of hands or as expressly required by the floor for secret balloting.

● **Article 10 : GENERAL MEETING**

10.1 For the purpose of calling an EGM, all procedures relating to the conduct of an AGM shall equally apply herewith, save that the said agenda so circulated and the proceedings conducted thereof, shall explicitly be confined to the said motion(s) contained therein.

● **Article 11 : MEMBERSHIP**

11.1 Country Member

11.1.1 A Country Member shall mean an NSA duly accredited by its NOC, or its equivalent government body, for any discipline of "Carom Billiard" or an accredited delegate attending the AGM/EGM of the Confederation.

11.2 Affiliate Member

11.2.1 An NSA not yet accredited to its NOC, or its equivalent government body, may apply to be an Affiliate member of ACBC.

11.2.2 Affiliate Members shall have the right to attend an AGM/EGM, as observers, but they possess no voting rights and/or their representatives/officials cannot hold any office of ACBC except for an appointment as Co-opted Officer(s) by the ACBC Board for specified and approved tasks.

11.3 The acceptance of membership by ACBC is governed by a majority decision of the Board or of the Council, whichever is applicable, made either at an AGM or by postal ballot under Article 13 herein, provided always that the said Country Member so accepted shall:

11.3.1 Be accredited as the NSA for the billiards sports by its NOC or by any other similar government agency;

11.3.2 Possess a constitution, by-laws, rules & regulations that are in general compliance with the aims and objects of the Confederation;

11.3.3 Pay the entrance and subscription fees as prescribed;

11.3.4 Undertake to abide by ACBC Constitution & By-laws;

11.3.5 Uphold the image, integrity and ethics of the Confederation;

11.3.6 Abide by all the rules & regulations so issued by ACBC from time to time; and

11.3.7 Participate, whenever possible, in its AGM, annual competitions and/or any other competitions so sanctioned by ACBC.

11.4 ACBC Jurisdiction in Membership

11.4.1 Notwithstanding the aforesaid, in the event of an indecision arising from the aforesaid, ACBC shall remain the sole judge and authority in the acceptance of its memberships.

11.5 Application Procedures

11.5.1 Intending applicants shall complete the prescribed application forms and submit the same to the Secretary General, together with the relevant fees, a copy of its constitution, its registration certificate and/or any other documentary evidence in support of its recognition status by its NOC or its equivalent government body.

11.6 Resignations

11.6.1 A Country Member or an Affiliate Member not in breach of its membership obligations may resign there from ACBC, in good standing by giving one (1) month due written notice to the Secretary General.

11.6.2 Any Country Member whose membership has been terminated due to non-payment of membership subscriptions may apply for reinstatement, which approval is subject to the discretion of ACBC and, if so approved, it is further subject to payment of arrears and any applicable administration charges so incurred therefrom.

11.7 Suspension and Expulsion of Members

11.7.1 A Country Member or an Affiliate Member may be suspended from ACBC membership, if it fails to pay its annual dues or charges, for two (2) successive years.

11.7.2 A Country Member or an Affiliate Member may likewise be expelled from ACBC membership, if it is found acting willfully in an ignominious manner that is prejudicial or detrimental to the fundamental interest of the Confederation.

11.7.3 Notwithstanding the aforesaid, prior to any such expulsion being taken against the defaulting Country Member, the Board shall appoint an investigating committee to investigate into the said matter, which proceedings shall accord an equal opportunity to the accused to enter its defense.

11.7.4 After due investigation, if the said Member is found guilty for the breach that warranted its expulsion, the Secretary General shall issue a written notice thereof to the said effect, with copies to be circulated to all Country Members. Such a decision shall be duly ratified at the next AGM.

11.8 Reinstatement

11.8.1 Any Country Member so suspended or expelled may apply for membership reinstatement, after a lapse of three (3) months thereof, which reinstatement, with or without conditions, shall be by decision of the Board. However, any outstanding amount due to ACBC must be paid before processing the reinstatement.

● Article 12 : SUB-COMMITTEES

12.1 For effective management, the Executive Board is empowered to appoint standing committees, sub-committees and ad hoc committees to act on specific functions so delegated thereto.

12.2 The respective chairman of such committees shall preferably be a Board Member. And any such committee may be dispensed off after having discharged its specified duties and functions or, in the alternative, be reinstated to function afresh, should the need arise. Each sub-committee is allowed to co-opt additional members therein as it deems fit.

12.3 The Board shall appoint Ad hoc committees as required.

● Article 13 : ACTION WITHOUT MEETING

13.1 In case of emergency, any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board, save that concerning proposed amendments to the Constitution, may be acted thereupon by postal ballot. In such an event, at least four (4) weeks written prior notice shall have been given by the Secretary General to each Country Member, setting forth the matters expressly required to be decided thereupon by postal voting.

13.2 If, after the expiry of the aforesaid four (4) weeks, no reply is forthcoming from a Country Member, it is deemed that the said Country Member shall abstain from voting and, in which case, its vote shall be counted as absentee vote.

13.3 Two (2) days immediately after the aforesaid decision, the Secretary General shall inform all Country Members in writing of the result thereof. A simple majority in votes, discounting the aforesaid absentee votes, shall carry the said motion.

● Article 14 : FINANCE

14.1 Dues and Fees

14.1.1 The amount of subscription fees and any other payments and the mode of payment connected therewith from Country Members shall be determined from time to time by the Board based on recommendation of S.G. and/or President.

14.2 Funds

14.2.1 The funds of the Confederation shall be deposited by the Treasurer into such bank(s) of ACBC as may be recommended by the Board.

● Article 15 : AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION

15.1 Any proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be properly proposed and seconded by the Country Members concerned, with the details thereof to be circulated by the Secretary General in advance for an AGM/EGM, as per Constitution.

15.2 Such a motion shall be sent to the Secretary General by the proposer concerned at least ten (10) weeks prior to the aforesaid AGM/EGM. On receiving the same, the S.G. shall forthwith circulate the said motion to all Country Members at least four (4) weeks before the said AGM/EGM. Such proposed amendments shall be duly adopted at the said AGM/EGM, if they are voted in favor thereupon by a two-thirds majority of votes of all Country Members attending the AGM/EGM concerned.

- **Article 16 : PATRONS**

16.1 The Confederation may by unanimous decision grant the title of Patron to any person or persons or trade organization in recognition of the meritorious contributions made towards Carom Billiard and/or the Confederation. Prior consent of acceptance by the said nominee shall be sought therefrom by the Board.

- **Article 17 : BY-LAWS**

17.1 The Board is empowered to enact by-laws for the proper running of the Confederation made pursuant to the Constitution. It is further empowered to repeal, amend or add further provisions thereto as necessary from time to time.

17.2 Any said changes to the by-laws as adopted by the Board shall be circulated to all Country Members, giving notice thereto that after a further lapse of two (2) weeks thereof, such changes shall take immediate effect for adoption.

- **Article 18 : WINDING UP**

18.1 If, at any time, Country Members by unanimous decision agree to wind up the Confederation, the net assets thereof, if any, shall be distributed in such a manner as the Confederation at an EGM so especially convened therefor shall decide.

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