

**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
INDIAN POLO ASSOCIATION**

1. The name of Society is “INDIAN POLO ASSOCIATION”.
2. The registered Office of the Society is situated in ‘B’ Squadron, 61 Cavalry, Cariappa Marg, Delhi Cantt - 110010.
3. The objects for which the Society is established are :
 - (a) To govern the National game of horsed polo in India being the final authority of appeal in all matters relating to the game.
 - (b) To propagate the game and its Bye-Laws in conjunction with Federation of International Polo and other International Association of this type like Hurlingham Polo Association in England etc.
 - (c) To aid and promote this game as this Association alone is empowered to amend or annul the existing laws of the game or to frame new laws.
4. The names, addresses, occupations and designations of the present members of the Executive/Managing Body to whom the management of affairs of the society are entrusted as required under section 2 of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Punjab Amendment) Act 1957 as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi are as follows.

S.No.	Name	Address	Occupation	Designation
1.	General Dalbir Singh PVSM,UYSM,AVSM, VSM,ADC	Army House 4 Rajaji Marg New Delhi.	Chief of the Army Staff	President
2.	HH Gaj Singh of Jodhpur	Umair Bhawan Palace Jodhpur.	Business	Vice President
3.	Mr Rajesh Sahgal	130, Jor Bagh New Delhi	Business	Vice President
4.	Lt Gen Om Prakash PVSM,UYSM,AVSM,SM	4, Teen Murti Lane New Delhi	Quartermaster General	Vice President & Army Chief Steward
5.	Col Rajesh Pattu, SJR, VSM	9, Haldighati Line Khatipura Road, Jaipur	Commandant 61 Cavalry	Hony Secretary
6.	Mr Gural Singh Sandhu	12-A, Tilak Marg New Delhi.	Business	Steward Delhi Zone
7.	Mr Lokendra Singh Rathore	409, Gaurav Tower Malviya Nagar Jaipur	Business	Steward Rajasthan Zone

8. Mr Uday Kalaan	A-11, First Floor West End Colony New Delhi.	Business	Steward Northern Zone
9. Mr Siraj Attari	Sunny More, Road No. 2 Banzara Hill Hyderabad	Business	Steward Southern Zone
10. Maj Gen MKS Yadav,SM	HQ Eastern Command Fort William, Kolkatta.	MG ASC	Steward Eastern Zone
11. Mr Suresh Tapuriah	4 A, IL Plazo, L Gibbs Road Mumbai	Business	Steward Western Zone
12. Lt Gen Jagvinder Singh,VSM	RV Dte, West Block III R K Puram, New Delhi.	DG RVS	Ex-Officio Steward
13. Col Rajesh Pattu, SJRP, VSM	9, Haldighati Line Khatipura Road, Jaipur	Commandant 61 Cavalry	Ex-Officio Steward
14. Col T S Mundi	11, President's Estate New Delhi-110004	Commandant President's Bodyguard	Ex-Officio Steward

5. We, the undersigned are desirous of forming a society under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Punjab Amendment) Act 1957, as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi, in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association.

S No.	Name	Signature	Address	Occupation	Name, address & Description of the witness
1.	Lt Gen M S Wadalia	Sd/-	3 Race Course Road New Delhi	Dy Chief of the Army Staff	
2.	Lt Gen P P Kumaramangalam,DSO	Sd/-	30 Aurengzeb Road New Delhi.	Adjutant General Army Headquarters	
3.	Brig D Chaudhuri	Sd/-	330-C, Defence Colony New Delhi	Executive Head in a Business concern	
4.	Maj Mohammed Mirza	Sd/-	11 President's Estate Estate, New Delhi	Commandant President's Bodyguard	
5.	Raja Bhupat Singh	Sd/-	Devi Bhawan, Umaidnagar, Jodhpur	Land Lord	
6.	Lt H S Sodhi	Sd/-	Det 61 st Cavalry Delhi Cantt	Sqn Officer 61 st Cavalry	
7.	Ris Roop Singh	Sd/-	Det 61 st Cavalry Delhi Cantt	Tp Leader 61 st Cavalry	

Attested
Sd/-
Maj Gen
Master General of Ordnance Branch
Army Headquarters
22 August 1961.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE INDIAN POLO ASSOCIATION

NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be called THE INDIAN POLO ASSOCIATION, referred to hereafter as the IPA.

RULES

2. The I.P.A. shall consist of an Association of all Polo Clubs and all clubs which include polo amongst the games they foster, throughout India. What exactly constitutes a club being left to the discretion of the Stewards of the Association. Membership of individuals is not accepted.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

3. The IPA is the governing body of polo in India, and shall issue and be responsible throughout its jurisdiction for all laws regulating the game. It is the final authority of appeal in all matters relating to the game and is alone empowered to amend or annul the existing laws of the game, or to frame new laws.

THE POLO YEAR

4. Polo year is from 1st July of the year to 30th June of the next year. The accounts year will be from 1st April of each year to 31st March of the next.

ANNUAL AFFILIATION FEE/SUBSCRIPTIONS

5. The following are the rates of affiliation fee and subscriptions for Clubs and Members.

Clubs and Regiments (Affiliation fee) : Rs. 20,000/- p.a.

Playing Members (Subscription) : Rs. 2,000/- p.a.

6. Any body who has played polo in the past will be considered as a Playing Member.

PAYMENT OF ANNUAL AFFILIATION FEE/SUBSCRIPTIONS

7. (a) Annual affiliation fee/subscriptions for the current polo year will reach the office of the IPA by the 15th Nov. except that affiliation Fee/subscriptions of clubs joining the IPA or of individuals who become playing members after the slated date, will be sent to the office of the IPA as soon as may, be convenient.
- (b) Honorary Secretaries of associated station clubs are responsible for collecting and forwarding the annual individual subscriptions of all playing members of the clubs, or for ensuring that such subscriptions have been forwarded by another associated club. A list giving the names of the clubs and the names and initials of all playing members will be submitted with subscriptions.
- (c) Hony Secretaries of associated clubs will submit by the 15th January each year a list of all individuals whether playing or otherwise, who have played polo once or more often between the 1st May and 31st December of the previous year at the club concerned. Similar lists will be submitted by the 15th May to cover the preceding period January 1st to April 30th.
- (d) Members who fail to pay their annual subscriptions by the 1st April will be left out of the list of members published for the year. If after due notice, the subscription remains unpaid on 1st June, the name will be struck off the books of the association.

OFFICE BEARERS

8. The Office Bearers as indicated below to hold office as such for one term of 2 years (ie AGM to AGM) and eligible for re-election for a like term or period :-
 - (a) The President, IPA.
 - (b) The Vice Presidents, IPA.
 - (c) The Honorary Secretary, IPA.
9. No such Office Bearer shall hold office consecutively for more than two terms or 4 years. The Office Bearer will cease to hold the post on attaining the age of 70 years.
10. In the event of any dispute with regard to the legally and constitutionally appointed/elected Office Bearers, the matter will be referred to the Sports Authority of India for arbitration.

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENTS.

11. The procedure for election of President and Vice Presidents of the Indian Polo Association would be as under :-

General. As per the Memorandum of the IPA, the election of office bearers of IPA shall be elected in the General Body Meeting/Extra General Body Meeting. Elections of office bearers will be held once in two years or whenever a vacancy occurs during the General Body Meeting/Extra General Body Meeting. All such elected members will serve a two year term.

Election Commission (EC). The Hony Secretary in consultation with the Vice President will detail an Election Commission. The responsibility for the entire conduct of elections will be that of the Election Committee. The Hony Secretary will extend all necessary help to the Commission. The Election Committee will comprise of an Election Officer/Presiding Officer and an Independent observer.

- (a) Each affiliated club will have one vote.
- (b) A minimum notice for holding the AGM/EGM will be six weeks.
- (c) Each affiliated club will send to the Hony Secretary IPA one nomination for each of the posts which are due for election to reach within 15 days from the issue of notice for AGM/EGM.
- (d) The Hony Secretary will scrutinize the nominations and will notify all the affiliated clubs the names of candidates contesting the election for each post, atleast 10 days prior to the schedule date of meeting.
- (e) The representatives of the affiliated clubs who attend the meeting can vote at the AGM/EGM. No proxy vote is valid.
- (f) Each affiliated club can send two nominated delegates to the AGM/EGM. However, they will have only one vote for election of each post. The delegate who has the right to vote will be specially nominated by the clubs concerned.
- (g) The quorum for holding the AGM/EGM will be a minimum representatives of seven affiliated clubs.

- (h) On finalization of the list of contestants, the draft for printing of ballot papers is to be approved by the Vice President IPA. Each ballot paper is to be stamped with the IPA round rubberstamp and initialled by the member of the Election Committee.
- (j) The Election Officer and the Independent observer will oversee the voting procedure and based on the majority of votes, the result will be declared by the election officer.

RULES OF MANAGING BODY - STEWARDS OF THE I.P.A.

12. The affairs of the IPA shall be managed by a body of Stewards constituted after every two years as follows :-

- (a) There shall be a Steward representing the following :-
 - Delhi (Independent) Zone
 - Rajasthan (Independent) Zone
 - Northern Zone
 - Southern Zone
 - Eastern Zone
 - Western Zone
 - Army Chief Steward

Ex-Officio Stewards

- DG RVS
- Commandant 61 Cavalry
- Commandant President's Bodyguard
- (b) Zonal Stewards will be elected by the Polo Clubs situated in that zone and affiliated to the IPA.
- (c) Each affiliated Club will have one vote.
- (d) The President and Vice Presidents of the IPA will be elected at the General Body Meeting of the IPA
- (e) Vice President & Army Chief Steward will be nominated by the COAS.
- (f) Each Club will have a Handicapping Committee.

- (g) Stewards are eligible for re-nomination after every two years, subject to the proviso that no Steward may serve for more than two terms or 4 years. This proviso shall not debar any individual from subsequent nomination as a steward for a further period or periods.

TERM OF OFFICE OF STEWARDS AND NOTICE FOR HOLDING MEETINGS.

- 13. (a) The term for Stewards will be the same as for other Office Bearers ie, a term of two years (AGM to AGM) with no Steward serving for more than two terms continuously. In case a Steward moves out of a zone, he will resign and a fresh nomination will be made.
- (b) Except for emergency meetings, a minimum of two weeks notice for meetings like Stewards and Handicapping Committee will be given.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF STEWARDS

- (a) The IPA from time to time will designate a coordinating club in each zone.
- (b) Based on the majority of votes, the coordinating club will send only one nomination to the IPA. The modus operandi for selecting the nominee is left to the clubs in the zone including the coordinating club.
- (c) Nomination must reach the IPA office well before AGM.
- (d) When clubs in a zone send their nominations to the coordinating club, copy should be endorsed to the IPA.
- (e) The number of members of the coordinating club should not be the criteria to decide a nominee. Other clubs in the zone are equally be involved in conduct of polo. Hence, it is only fair that they recommend any one, from any club who they find suitable. The nominee must however, be an individual who will be of larger benefit to the game in that zone.
- (f) The IPA would reserve the right to reject the nomination and ask for a fresh nomination, if required.
- (g) Thus, Stewards would merely be nominated at the IPA AGM.

FORMATION OF QUORUM

14. The President, or in his absence a Vice President together with any other three Stewards shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The President, or in his absence a Vice President, shall have a casting vote on all matters.

STEWARDS MEETING

15. Ordinarily the Stewards shall meet once a year; normally in March/April/May for the transaction of business, provided that an emergency meeting may be held at any time at the request of any Steward for the transaction of business of an urgent nature.

GENERAL BODY MEETING

16. An Annual General Body Meeting will be held each year on some date after the 31st March, at Delhi, the next date being notified as soon as possible.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY SECRETARY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

17. (a) Commandant 61 Cavalry will be the Ex-officio Honorary Secretary of the IPA who shall maintain the accounts of the IPA and shall carry out all secretarial work connected with the office of the IPA.
- (b) In the event of one or more Stewards being unable to continue as such, the Stewards shall have the power to appoint a successor or successors for a limited period subject to confirmation in accordance with para 12 of these Rules.
- (c) The Stewards shall have the power to appoint a sub committee or an individual to deal with any matter on their behalf as they may deem expedient.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF STEWARDS

18. The duties and powers of the Stewards of the IPA in addition to those stated above are :-
- (b) To control all funds of the IPA.
- (c) To maintain, control, sell or otherwise dispose of all property belonging to the IPA. To authorise the President of the IPA to sell, endorse, transfer or otherwise deal with the Govt securities standing in

the name of the Association and to lodge them, if necessary, with the State Bank of India, as security for advances and further to authorise the Bank to act on any instructions so given relating to the account or relating to the transactions of the association.

- (d) To authorise the President of the IPA to delegate such powers as are defined in terms of clause (b) above to the Honorary Secretary of the Association.
- (e) To investigate complaints and consider suggestions from associated clubs on any matter related to the game.
- (f) To amend or annul the existing laws of the game, or to frame new laws; provided that no alteration to existing laws or no new laws shall have effect until confirmed by a majority of associated clubs.
- (g) To keep an official record of all decisions arrived at any action taken.
- (h) To supervise the conduct of polo in India generally.
- (i) To act in any way in the interest of polo as affecting the National and International conduct of the game.

POWER OF SUSPENSION

- 19. The Stewards have power to suspend any player, wherein their opinion such suspension is necessary in the interest of the game.

POWERS IN CONNECTION WITH TOURNAMENTS

- 20. The Stewards shall be responsible for the conduct of tournaments in their respective zones strictly in accordance with the conditions, regulations or rules as approved by the IPA.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

- 21. Atleast two competitions annually for specified age groups at the junior and sub junior levels will be held.

ACCOUNTS

- 22. The annual accounts of the organization will be properly maintained and regularly audited and that the various business meetings as required under the constitution will be duly held.

CONTROL OF THE IPA FUNDS

23. Accounts of all funds maintained by the IPA will be balanced monthly. They will be audited each year after 31st March and the audited balance sheet will be published in the IPA Calendar for the following polo year.

DISTRIBUTION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS

24. (a) The Stewards shall at their annual meeting make such grants-in-aid from available funds as they may deem advisable. Ordinarily, grants-in-aid will be made only for works of permanent improvement to existing polo grounds, or for the construction of new grounds, and not towards upkeep, or current expenses.
- (b) Applications for grants-in-aid will be submitted to the Stewards by the 31st December of each year. Stewards will submit a consolidated list of applications with their recommendations to reach the IPA office by the 15th January each year.

ALTERATION TO LAWS

25. (a) Any amendment or annulment of the existing laws, or any new laws introduced shall ordinarily take effect from the commencement of the following polo year, unless the Stewards shall decide otherwise.
- (b) Any club associated to the IPA may put forward a proposal to amend or annul an existing law, or for the introduction of a new law. Such proposals must reach the office of the IPA by the 31st December. All proposals so received will be considered by the Stewards at their next annual meeting and if agreed to, shall be circulated to associated clubs for acceptance or otherwise. Any proposal with which the Stewards do not agree shall be returned to the club concerned with the remarks of the Stewards and the club shall then say if they wish it circulated to other clubs, or not, and if they so desire it shall be circulated and voted upon. All proposals circulated to clubs shall be accompanied by the remarks of the Stewards. Each associated club shall have one vote and no playing member shall have a contributory vote to more than once club. The results of voting on all matters submitted to them shall be circulated to clubs once a year, ordinarily by the 15th May.

NATIONAL COACH

26. A person who possesses suitable qualifications may be appointed as a National Coach.

PUBLICATIONS

27. The IPA shall issue yearly the following publications :-
 - (a) A Year Book containing such information as the Stewards deem useful.
 - (b) Revised list of Handicaps.
28. Other publications will be issued from time to time as the Stewards may consider desirable.