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ARTICLE 1

THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall be called the Constitution of the National Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter called the "Constitution").

ARTICLE 2

INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution:-

"Area Association" means an area association of the IAAF responsible for fostering Athletics in one of the six areas into which the Member Federations are divided in the Constitution of the IAAF.

"Association Rules" means the Rules made under Article 32.

"Athlete Support Personnel" means any coach, trainer, manager, authorised athlete representative, agent, team staff official, medical or para-medical personnel, or any other person working with, or treating athletes participating in, or preparing for, competition in Athletics;

"Athletic member" means an athlete who is a member of an active member and who is registered in accordance with paragraph 3 (b) (i) of Article 7 and includes an unattached athlete.

"Clubs" means clubs, organizations, groups or other bodies by whatever name called and "club" shall be construed accordingly.

"IAAF" means International Association of Athletics Federations.

"International sports meeting" means a sports meeting at which among the competitors are athletes who are either representing a foreign country or a club that is formed outside of Trinidad and Tobago.

"Local sports meeting" means a sports meeting at which athletes are competing who are not themselves representing a foreign country or a club that is formed outside of Trinidad and Tobago.

"Reformatory Establishments" means institutions at which young persons whether male or female under the age of twenty-one years are detained under legal authority or order for the purpose of reform and/or training and/or supervision and

"Reformatory Establishment" shall be construed accordingly.

"Schools" means secondary and primary educational institutions, technical and vocational or other similar establishments or institutions but does not include the University and "School" shall be construed accordingly.

"The University" means the St. Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies.

"Unattached athlete" is an athlete who is not a member of an active member but who is registered in accordance with paragraph 3 (b) (i) of Article 7.

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“Youth Camps” means the Male and Female institutions established by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and at which young persons of either sex or both are trained in various skills and includes orphanages and “Youth Camp” shall be construed accordingly.

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ARTICLE 3

THE NATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF
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There shall be an Association which shall be called the National Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter called the "Association").

ARTICLE 4

AFFILIATION

1. The Association shall be affiliated to the International Amateur Athletic Federation and such other amateur athletic organizations as the General Council of the Association may deem fit.
2. The Association shall be represented on the International Amateur Athletic Federation by such number of members chosen by the General Council as may be permitted under the Rules of that Federation.
3. Where the Association becomes an affiliate of any other amateur athletic organisation it shall be represented by such number of members as the General Council shall appoint under the Rules of that organisation.
4. The General Council may at any time and in its sole discretion remove any person who is appointed under paragraph 2 or 3.
5. The transportation and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his duties by any member appointed under this Article shall be borne by the Association.

ARTICLE 5

OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are:-

1. To encourage systematic physical exercise and education in Trinidad and Tobago.
2. To encourage, improve and promote athletic sports among organisations and persons who engage in sport solely for pleasure, or for the physical mental or social benefits they derive therefrom.
3. To establish and maintain joint collaboration with any organisation (not being a member of the Association) which is devoted to or is formed wholly, partially or otherwise for the promotion of physical culture or some other activity in athletics either generally, occasionally or on a single occasion.
4. To institute, regulate, and promote the annual Athletic Track and Field Championships of Trinidad and Tobago.
5. To establish and maintain throughout Trinidad and Tobago uniform rules for its members for the Government of track and field athletic sports.
6. To encourage and promote the interest of, and to maintain discipline among its members.
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8. To foster healthy inter-territorial rivalry in amateur track and field athletics among its members and to promote inter-territorial, international or other amateur athletics from time to time.
9. To arrange and/or provide for or join with others in arranging and/or providing for the holding of courses for the instruction and teaching of amateur track and field athletics.
10. To foster the provision of public playgrounds, gymnasias, fields and other amenities for amateur sports in Trinidad and Tobago.
11. To do all such other things either alone or with others as may be necessary and/or proper for the development, maintenance and advancement of amateur track and field athletics in Trinidad and Tobago.

ARTICLE 6

JURISDICTION

The Association shall be responsible for the following classes of amateur sports:-

- (a) Running, including hurdling, steeple-chasing, obstacle racing, cross-country running, and road running.
- (b) Walking.
- (c) Jumping and pole-vaulting.
- (d) Shot-putting and discus, javelin, hammer and weight throwing.
- (e) Tug-O-War.
- (f) Any other sport involving track and field competition.

ARTICLE 7

MEMBERS

4. (i) Ordinary members are those persons who desire to assist in the promotion, improvement and advancement of amateur athletics in Trinidad and Tobago.

(ii) An application for membership as an ordinary member shall be on the standard form which may be obtained from the Secretary of the Association. Such application shall be proposed and seconded by any two financial active members of the Association.

(iii) The election of a person as an ordinary member shall be by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee voting by secret ballot.

(iv) an ordinary member shall be entitled:-

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(a) to nomination on any Committee or Council of the Association, and

(b) to attend the Annual General Meeting or Special General meeting of the Association and to take part in the deliberations of those Meetings; to however that such member shall not be entitled to vote.

(v) Where a person has been elected as an ordinary member of the Association but such person had been proposed or seconded by an un-financial member of the Association that election shall be void; so however that any deliberations or affairs of the Association or any affiliate of the Association or any Council or Committee or other body thereof in which that person has participated shall be valid for all purposes.

5. (i) Life members are those persons who were life members either of the Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago or the National Amateur Athletic Union of Trinidad and Tobago. Such persons shall on the coming into operation of this Constitution and upon production of a list of their names by the appropriate organs to the Secretary of the Association, become life members of the Association.

(ii) Subject to sub-paragraph (iii) a life member shall be a life member of the Association for the remainder of his life and shall be entitled to:-

(a) nomination for any office in the Association;

(b) nomination on any Committee or Council of the Association;

(c) attend the Annual General Meeting or Special General meeting of the Association and to take part in the deliberations of those Meetings; and

(d) to vote at all meetings at which he is entitled to participate.

(iii) The Executive Committee may suspend or dismiss any life member for any act or conduct which in the opinion of that Committee is inimical to the interest of the Association.

6. (i) Honorary members are those persons who are elected by two thirds majority of the Executive Committee voting by secret ballot.

(ii) An honorary member shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association and to participate in the deliberations of these meetings but he shall neither be entitled to vote at these meetings nor to hold office in the Association nor to be a member of the General Council or Executive Committee of the Association.

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(iii) A candidate for membership as an honorary member shall be proposed and seconded by any two financial active members of the Association.

(iv) Where a person has been elected as an honorary member of the Association but such person has been proposed or seconded by an un-financial member of the Association that election shall be void; but any deliberations or affairs of the Association in which that person has participated shall be valid for all purposes.

(v) Honorary members of the Association shall not at anytime exceed twenty-five in number.

(vi) An honorary member may be dismissed from the Association by a two thirds majority of the General Council for any act or conduct which in the opinion of that Council is inimical to the interest of the Association and in such case the decision of that Council shall be final to all intents and purposes.

ARTICLE 9

REPRESENTATION

1. (a) The active members set out hereunder shall appoint delegates to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association as follows:-

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| (i) | Clubs | ----- | 2 delegates |
| (ii) | The University | ----- | 2 delegates |
| (iii) | The Police Service, Fire Service, Defence Force or other quasi-military body | ----- | 2 delegates each |

(b) Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

2. The Ministry of Education shall, on behalf of Schools other than secondary schools, appoint a delegate to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association and the person so appointed shall be entitled to one vote.

3. Private Secondary Schools shall appoint a delegate to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association and the person so appointed shall be entitled to one vote.

For the purposes of this paragraph a private secondary school does not include an Assisted Secondary School.

4. Government and Assisted Secondary Schools shall appoint a delegate to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association and the person so appointed shall be entitled to one vote.

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5. The Ministry responsible for Youth Camps and Reformatory Establishments shall, on their behalf, appoint a delegate to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association and each person so appointed shall be entitled to one vote.

7. (a) The names and addresses of all delegates shall be forwarded promptly and not later than fourteen (14) days after the date of their appointment to the Secretary of the Association and a person shall, if so requested by the Secretary or any person duly authorised by him, furnish proof of his identity and if he is a delegate of any active Member also produce proof to the satisfaction of the Secretary or any person duly authorised by him that he is the accredited delegate of that active Member.

(b) The proceedings at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association shall not be invalid:-

- (i) by reason of a breach of the requirements of sub-paragraph (a); or
- (ii) by reason of the refusal by Secretary of the Association or by any person duly authorised by him of the admission of any person who was lawfully entitled to attend or be admitted to that meeting,
- (iii) by reason of the participation therein of any person who was not lawfully entitled to so participate.

ARTICLE 10

CANCELLATION OF REPRESENTATION

1. If :-

(a) In the case of an Active Member in Trinidad, a written notice is delivered personally at the office of the Secretary of the Association by an agent of that Active Member within seven days of the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association; or

(b) In the case of an Active Member in Trinidad or Tobago, a written notice is delivered forwarded by registered post to the Secretary of the Association by that Active Member within fourteen (14) days of the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association; and

(c) a like number of delegates is substituted in that written notice;

an Active Member may cancel the appointment of any person as a delegate of that Active Member.

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ARTICLE 11

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. Subject as is hereinafter provided, the officers of the Association shall consist of:-
 1. The President.
 2. The First Vice President .
 3. The Second Vice President.
 4. The Third Vice President.
 5. The Fourth Vice President.
 6. The Secretary.
 7. The Assistant Secretary.
 8. The Treasurer.
 9. The Public Relations Officer.
 10. The Three Trustees

2. No person other than an athletic, ordinary or life member shall be eligible for nomination or appointment to any of the offices specified in paragraph 1, and a person may not be elected to more than one office at any one time.

3. Subject to Article 34 an officer of the Association shall, while he remains such an officer, be exempt from the payment of fees to the Association.

4. An officer of the Association shall, while he remains such an officer, be entitled as of right to attend the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association.

5. All officers, Executive members and General Council members shall be elected for a term of three (3) years and shall be entitled to seek reelection. All members elected as officers and Committee and General Council members shall be automatically disqualified from their positions if they fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings and do not give a written excuse to the satisfaction of the members of the respective Committee through the Secretary of the Association.

ARTICLE 12

THE PRESIDENT

1. He shall be elected for a three (3) year term at the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot. He shall hold office for three years thereafter but shall be entitled to seek re-election.

2. Subject to this Constitution he shall preside over the Annual General Meeting (save where election to the office of President is being taken), the Special General Meeting and all meetings of the General Council and Executive Committee.

3. Whenever he presides over the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association or any meeting of the General Council and Executive Committee of the Association he shall have an original and a casting

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vote; so however that he shall have only an original vote when any of the aforementioned bodies shall vote in respect of a disciplinary matter under this Constitution or the Association Rules.

4. He may be removed or suspended from office by the General Council for any act or conduct which, in the opinion of that Council is inimical to the interest of the Association.

5. Where he is removed or suspended from office by the General Council in accordance with paragraph 4, he may appeal to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association.

6. If he is removed from office he shall, without prejudice to any other sanctions which may be imposed against him, be debarred from holding any of the offices specified in paragraph 1 of Article 11.

ARTICLE 13

THE VICE PRESIDENTS

1. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot. They shall hold office for three years thereafter, but shall be entitled to seek re-election.

2. Subject to this Constitution they shall preside over the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting of the Association and all meetings of the General Council and Executive Committee of the Association according to their rank in the absence or default of the President or Vice-Presidents.

3. Whenever any Vice-President presides over the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association or any meeting of the General Council and Executive Committee of the Association he shall have an original and a casting vote so however that he shall have only an original vote when any of the aforementioned bodies shall vote in respect of a disciplinary matter under this Constitution or the Association Rules.

4. They may be removed or suspended from office by the General Council for any act or conduct which in the opinion of that Council is inimical to the interest of the Association.

5. Where a person is removed or suspended from office by the General Council in accordance with paragraph 4, that person may appeal to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association.

6. A person who is removed from office shall, without prejudice to any other sanctions that may be imposed against him, be debarred from holding any of the offices specified in paragraph 1 of Article 11.

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ARTICLE 14

THE SECRETARY

1. He shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. He shall be a full-time officer and shall be paid such a remuneration and travelling expenses as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.

He shall:-

- (a) keep a roll of all the members of the Association (hereinafter called the "Members' Roll");
 - (b) be responsible for the day-to-day management of the business of the Association;
 - (c) convene the Annual and Special General Meetings of the Association and the meetings of the Executive Committee and General Council; attend thereat and keep records of the proceedings thereof;
 - (d) submit to the Treasurer of the Association a monthly statement of all receipts and disbursements together with supporting documents;
 - (e) do and perform all such other things and obey all such instructions which he may be required to do, perform or obey for the proper management of the affairs of the Association.
2. He shall hold office during the pleasure of the Association.
4. In the event of his death or resignation or his suspension or removal from office by the Executive Committee, that Committee shall elect a successor who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
5. If he is removed from office for conduct which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is inimical to the interest of the Association, he shall, without prejudice to any other sanctions that may be imposed against him, be debarred from holding any of the offices specified in paragraph 1 of Article 11.

ARTICLE 15

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

1. He shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. He shall be a full-time officer and shall be paid such remuneration and travelling expenses as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.
2. He shall assist the Secretary in the performance of his duties.
3. He shall hold office during the pleasure of the Association.
4. In the event of his death or resignation or his suspension or removal from office by the Executive Committee, that Committee shall elect a successor who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

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5. If he is removed from office for any act or conduct which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is inimical to the interest of the Association, he shall, without prejudice to any other sanctions that may be imposed against him, be debarred from holding any of the offices specified in paragraph 1 of Article 11.

ARTICLE 16

THE TREASURER

1. He shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot. He shall hold office for three years thereafter, but shall be entitled to seek re-election.

2. He/she is authorized to endorse cheques for withdrawal from the accounts of the Association.

3. He shall be responsible for ensuring that the funds of the Association and any disbursements from any such funds are safely kept and recorded, and in particular shall prepare:-

- (a) monthly statements of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for the Executive Committee;
- (b) Quarterly statements for the General Council; and
- (c) Annual Statements of Income and Expenditure and the Annual Balance Sheet of the Association as at the 30th day of September of each year which shall be audited and certified by the Auditor and submitted to the next Annual General Meeting.

4. He may be removed or suspended from office by the Executive Committee for any act or conduct which, in the opinion of that Committee is inimical to the interest of the Association.

5. Where he is removed or suspended from office in accordance with paragraph 3, he may appeal to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association.

6. In the event of his death or resignation or his suspension or removal from office, the Executive Committee shall elect a successor who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

7. If he is removed from office he shall, without prejudice to any other sanctions which may be imposed against him, be debarred from holding any of the offices specified in paragraph 1 of Article 11.

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ARTICLE 17

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

1. He shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot. He shall hold office for three years thereafter but shall be entitled to seek re-election.
2. He shall act as liaison between the Association and the public and shall, for this purpose, be responsible for the dissemination to the public of all information relating to the business of the Association.
3. In the exercise of his powers and in the performance of his duties he shall conform with such general and special directions that may be given to him by the Executive Committee from time to time.
4. He may be removed or suspended from office by the Executive Committee for any act or conduct which, in the opinion of that Committee is inimical to the interest of the Association.
5. Where he is removed or suspended from office in accordance with paragraph 4, he may appeal to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association.
6. In the event of his death or resignation or his suspension or removal from office, the Executive Committee shall elect a successor who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
7. If he is removed from office he shall, without prejudice to any other sanctions which may be imposed against him, be debarred from holding any of the offices specified in paragraph 1 of Article 11.

ARTICLE 18

THE AUDITORS

1. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot. They shall hold office for three years thereafter but shall be entitled to seek re-election.
2. They shall make an audit of the accounts of the Association annually and shall submit a report thereon to the Executive Committee for submission to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
3. They may be removed or suspended by the Executive Committee for any act or conduct which in the opinion of the Committee is inimical to the interest of the Association.
4. Where an auditor is removed or suspended from office in accordance with paragraph 3, he may appeal to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association.

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5. In the event of the death, resignation, suspension or removal from office of an Auditor, the Executive Committee shall elect a successor who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

6. If an Auditor is removed from office, he shall, without prejudice to any other sanctions that may be imposed against him, be debarred from holding any of the offices specified in paragraph 1 of Article 11.

ARTICLE 19

THE TRUSTEES

1. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot. They shall hold office for three years thereafter, but shall be entitled to seek re-election.

2. They shall be responsible for endorsing all cheques for withdrawal from the accounts of the Association.

3. He may be suspended or dismissed from office by the Executive Committee for any act or conduct which, in the opinion of that Committee is inimical to the interest of the Association.

4. Where a trustee is removed or suspended from office in accordance with paragraph 3, he may appeal to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association.

5. In the event of the death, resignation, suspension or removal from office of a trustee the Executive Committee shall elect a successor who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

6. If a trustee is removed from office, he shall, without prejudice to any other sanctions which may be imposed against him, be debarred from holding any of the offices specified in paragraph 1 of Article 11.

ARTICLE 20

THE GENERAL COUNCIL

1. The Government and general direction of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the General Council (hereinafter in this Article called "the Council").

2. The Council shall be constituted as follows:-

(a) All the officers listed in paragraph 1 of Article 11.

(b) A representative of each affiliated organisation.

3. In addition to the rights and powers granted to the Council elsewhere in this Constitution, the Council shall have power:-

(a) To act alone or together with individuals or other bodies in the interest of amateur track and field athletics or other amateur sport.

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- (b) To arrange whenever practicable for visits to Trinidad and Tobago of athletics, coaches and officials.
- (c) To arrange whenever practicable for visits abroad of athletics, coaches and officials from Trinidad and Tobago.
- (d) To make representations to Government, Municipal Local and other authorities and to private bodies on any matter which in the opinion of the Council affects amateur track and field athletics.
- (e) To appoint representatives of the Association on other Organisations.
- (f) To suspend or dismiss any member of the Council who is guilty of any act or conduct which in the opinion of the Council is inimical to the interest of the Association or of any active or affiliate member of the Association.
- (g) To fix a date for the Annual General Meeting.

4. (a) The Council shall hold a regular meeting in the months of February, May August, October and December of each year and may hold an extraordinary meeting whenever necessary for the performance of any duties or functions imposed by this Constitution or the Association Rules.

(b) A special meeting of the Council may be called by the President at any time or by a requisition delivered to the Secretary and signed by any twelve members of the Council or by any four active members.

(c) Where a meeting is requisitioned under paragraph (b) the Secretary shall summon that meeting within twenty-one days of the receipt of the requisition and in the case of a meeting called by the President shall give at least fourteen days prior notice to all the members of the Council.

5. Subject to Article 29 at any meeting of the Council fifteen persons shall constitute a quorum.

6. All Resolutions and Decisions of the Council shall be binding upon all active, affiliate and individual members of the Association until such Resolutions or Decisions are rescinded or varied in accordance with the Constitution or the Association Rules.

7. The Council shall declare vacant the position of any member of the Council who has been dismissed from the Council for any act or conduct which in the opinion of that Council is inimical to the interest of the Association, or to any active or affiliate member of the Association.

8. (a) A member of the Council who is suspended or dismissed by the Council may appeal to the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Association.

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(b) A member of the Council who is suspended by the Council shall not during the period of his suspension be entitled to take part in the deliberations of the Council.

9. In the exercise of its powers and in the performance of its duties, the Council may delegate any of its functions to any of its members except so far as such delegation may be prohibited either expressly or by implication by the Constitution or the Association Rules or may not be in conformity with the expressed provisions of the Constitution or the Association Rules.

ARTICLE 21

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The general management of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee (hereinafter in this article called “the Committee”).

2. The Committee shall be constituted as follows:-

- (i) All the officers listed in paragraph 1 of Article 11.
- (ii) Five other persons chosen by secret ballot at an Annual General Meeting.

3. In addition to any other duties entrusted to it elsewhere in this Constitution, the duties of the Committee are:-

- (i) To deal with all applications for membership in the Association.
- (ii) To control the finances of the Association.
- (iii) To consider the Annual Report of the Treasurer on the Accounts of the Association and to ensure that such Report is audited by the Auditor and circulated by the Secretary of the Association to all members prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- (iv) To organise and manage all functions for and on behalf of the Association.
- (v) To keep a Register of all amateur athletes in Trinidad and Tobago.
- (vi) To arrange for competitors to represent Trinidad and Tobago at all meetings, appoint a coach and if necessary provide for the management of competitors so selected.
- (vii) To compile in the month of October of each year and to circulate among all members of the Association a “Fixtures List” of all amateur track and field meetings which it is proposed to hold in Trinidad and Tobago in the following year.
- (viii) To submit a copy of the minutes of all its meetings to the General Council for the information of that Council.
- (ix) To exercise disciplinary control over all members.

4. In addition to any other powers granted to it elsewhere in this Constitution the Committee shall have power:-

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- (a) To examine and report on the finances and/or the workings of any active or affiliate member if requested so to do by the General Council.
- (b) To promote athletic meetings and other competitions severally or jointly with others for and on behalf of the Association.
- (c) To appoint representatives not exceeding two in number to act as observers at all open athletic meetings held in Trinidad and Tobago by any active or affiliate member.
- (d) To suspend or dismiss any member of the Committee who is guilty of any act or conduct which in the opinion of the Committee is inimical to the interest of the Association or of any active or affiliate member of the Association.

5. In the exercise of its powers and in the performance of its duties the Committee may delegate any of its functions to any of its members except so far as such delegation may be prohibited either expressly or by implication by the Constitution or the Association Rules or may not be in conformity with the express provisions of the Constitution or the Association Rules.

6. (a) The Committee shall hold regular meetings in the months of January, April, July and October of each year and may hold an extraordinary meeting whenever necessary for the performance of any duties or functions imposed by this Constitution or the Association Rules.

(b) A Special Meeting of the Committee may be called by the President at any time or by a requisition delivered to the Secretary and signed by any four members of the Committee.

(c) Where a meeting is requisitioned under sub-paragraph (b) the Secretary shall summon that meeting within fourteen days of the receipt of the requisition and in the case of a meeting called by the President shall give at least seven days prior notice to all the members of the Committee.

7. Subject to Article 29, at any meeting of the Committee, nine persons shall constitute a quorum.

8. The Committee shall declare vacant the position of any member of the Committee who has been dismissed from the Committee for any act or conduct which in the opinion of the Committee is inimical to the interest of the Association or any active or affiliate member of the Association.

9. (a) A member of the Committee who is suspended or dismissed by the Committee may appeal to the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Association.

(b) A member of the Committee who has been suspended by the Committee shall not during the period of his suspension be entitled to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

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(c) At the first meeting of the Executive Committee after the Election of Officers the Committee shall select the following Committees which shall be chaired by one of its Officers. The Committees are:-

- (1) Coaching and Technical Committee.
- (2) Walking Committee.
- (3) Records Committee.
- (4) Sub-Masters and Masters Committee.
- (5) Economic Planning and Fund-Raising Committee.
- (6) Selection Committee.
- (7) Games Committee.

These Committees shall not comprise of more than five (5) members including the Chairman who shall be the Convener.

The Committees shall have power to co-opt other persons to assist in their plans.

The Committee shall have powers to recommend the removal of members.

All decisions of the Committees must be approved by the Executive Committee or the General Council of the Association. Members of these Committees may be selected from persons who are interested in promoting Track and Field Athletics.

ARTICLE 22

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(A) **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of November on a date fixed by the General Council but may be adjourned from day to day or to any day up to the fifteenth day of the following month.
2. The Secretary of the Association shall give twenty one days prior notice of the Annual General Meeting.
3. At the Annual General Meeting twenty-five persons consisting of officers and delegates shall form a quorum.
4. The following shall be the Agenda at the Annual General Meeting:
 - (a) Roll Call.
 - (b) Reading of notices covering the Meeting.
 - (c) President's Address.
 - (d) Confirmation of minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - (e) Business arising from the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - (f) Secretary's Report for the previous year.
 - (g) Report of the Auditors of the Association for the previous year.

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- (h)
- (i) Other matters.
- (j) Any ordinary business, notice of which has been received by the Secretary of the Association under paragraph 5.
- (k) Election of Officers in accordance with Article 11 sub-section 5 of the Association other than the Secretary and Assistant Secretary.
- (l) Election of two (2) Auditors re Article 18.
- (m) Election of members of the Executive Committee in accordance with item (ii) of paragraph 2 of Article 21.

5. Any active or affiliate member may by notice in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Association not later than twenty-eight (28) days before the date fixed for the Annual General meeting request that any matter be placed on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting and the Secretary of the Association shall include such matter in the Agenda for that meeting.

6. The Secretary shall forward a copy of the Agenda to all financial members not later than ten (10) days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting.

(B) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

7. Subject to paragraph 8 and 9 if:-

- (i) The General Council by simple majority so resolves; or
- (ii) The Executive Committee by simple majority so resolves; or
- (iii) Any ten financial active members by written notice to the Secretary of the Association so request; or
- (iv)
- (v) Any twenty-five individual members not being officers of the Association by written notice to the Secretary of the Association so request; or

The Secretary shall within twenty-one days from the date of such resolution or written request convene a Special General Meeting of the Association and for this purpose shall give at least fourteen (14) days notice of such meeting together with particulars of the matter which is proposed for discussion to all financial members.

8. The provisions of paragraph 7 shall not apply to any resolution or request taken or made in the months of August, September, October or November.

9. Where a request is made by individual members under item (v) of paragraph 7, such members shall be financial except where such members are life members or honorary members: so however that not more than three of any such members either alone or jointly may be included in the total number required under that item.

10. A Special General Meeting of the Association shall also be convened by the Secretary of the Association whenever necessary for the performance of any

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duties imposed by or under this Constitution and in any such case the Secretary shall give at least fourteen days notice to all financial members together with particulars of the matter which is proposed for discussion.

11. At any Special General Meeting twenty-five persons consisting of officers and delegates shall form a quorum and representation and/or attendance at such meeting shall be in accordance with this Constitution.

(C) MEETINGS

12. Where any meeting is called by the Secretary of the Association and one (1) hour thereafter a quorum is not formed, such meeting shall stand fixed for seven (7) days thereafter at the same time and place or to such other place and time as fixed by the Secretary of the Association, and those members present at such meeting shall constitute the quorum.

ARTICLE 23

VOTING

Except where otherwise expressly stated, voting at any meeting of any Committee or Council of the Association or at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association shall be by a simple majority of votes cast by a show of hands unless a majority of the members present demand a ballot.

ARTICLE 24

VACANCIES

No vacancy on any Committee or Council of the Association shall render the proceedings of such Committee or Council invalid by reason of such vacancy.

ARTICLE 25

BANK ACCOUNTS

1. All monies or cheques belonging to or received for and on behalf of the Association shall be deposited in a Current Account with one or more Banks as the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine.

2. Subject to paragraph 4 all withdrawals from such Bank or Banks shall be authorised by the Executive Committee or in cases of emergency by the President (whether substantive or acting) and a Vice-President.

3. Where a withdrawal has been authorised by the President and a Vice-President, the President shall submit a full report thereon to the earliest meeting of the Executive Committee.

4. No cheques shall be drawn on the accounts of the Association unless such cheque is affixed with the Seal of the Association and endorsed by the Treasurer and one Trustee or in special circumstances two Trustees.

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ARTICLE 26

FEES

1. The fees payable to the Association shall be as follows:

a. Athletic Member	-	\$30.00 per year
b. Unattached Athlete	-	\$30.00 per year
c. Ordinary Member	-	\$100.00 per year
d. Schools (Primary)	-	\$100.00 per year
e. Schools (Secondary)	-	\$200.00 per year
f. Youth Camp and Reformatory Establishment	-	\$200.00 per year

2. All Clubs, Active or Affiliate Members by whatever name called shall pay a membership fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00 TT) to the Secretary of the Association not later than the thirty-first day of January of each year for the current year, for its re-affiliation to the Association.

3. The fees specified in paragraph 1 sub-paragraph a-f shall be due and payable to the Secretary of the Association not later than the thirty-first day of January of each year for the current year. Where the fees specified is not paid by thirty-first day of January of each year for the current year such fee shall be subjected to a penalty of 50% of the stipulated fee.

4. Schools, Youth Camps and Reformatory Establishments shall be exempted from the payment of the membership fee except where such School, Youth Camp or Reformatory Establishment is registered with the Association as a Club or Active Member, in such case the Membership and Athletic Member Fees shall be applicable.

5. Where the fees specified in paragraph 1 and 2 are not paid to the Secretary of the Association in accordance with paragraph 3, such member shall be deemed un-financial and may be debarred from participation in any activity of the Association by the Executive Committee.

6. (i) Clubs and Active Members shall be responsible for the collection of all fees from its members and to deposit such fees to the Secretary of the Association in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 26. Sub Section 1a.

(ii) Ordinary Members and unattached athletes shall pay their membership fees directly to the Secretary of the Association.

(iii) Where the fee for any category of membership is not paid for any continuous period of two (2) years, such member shall de deemed to be struck off the Members Roll.

7. (a) A person who has been struck off the Members Roll shall not be permitted to participate in any deliberations of the Association at any level and, if he is an Athletic Member, he/she shall also be debarred from participating in

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any sports meeting or sporting event organized by the Association or any member thereof.

(b) Any Active Member or club who allows an Athletic Member who has been struck off the Members' Roll to participate in any sport meeting or sporting event organized by an Active Member of the Association shall be liable to expulsion by the Executive Committee of the Association.

8. Subject to paragraph 7(a) and 7(b) any Member who has been struck off the Members' Roll for non-payment of fees shall upon discharge of all liabilities to the Association as determined by the Executive Committee may be reinstated to the Members Roll of the Association.

ARTICLE 27

SPORTS MEETINGS

1. Unless application is made to and approval is first obtained from the Executive Committee of the Association, no member may promote and no member may participate in any way in any open sports meeting whether local or international.

(a) It is a condition of membership and/or affiliation to the Association, and a condition of participation in competitions which are sanctioned or organized by the Association, that all athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other persons under jurisdiction of the Member or Area Association shall be bound by the Anti Doping rules and Procedural Guidelines contained in the IAAF Competition Rules 2008 ("the Anti-Doping Rules"). Which are hereby incorporated by reference into the Constitution and Rules of the Association as if fully set out herein.

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that:

- (i) the Association and the Area Association respectively has the authority to conduct in and out-of-competition doping controls, a report of which, in the case of the Association, shall be submitted to the IAAF on an annual basis;
- (ii) the IAAF has the authority to conduct doping controls at the Association's National Championships and at the Area Association's Area Championships;
- (iii) the IAAF has the authority to conduct unannounced out-of-competition testing; and
- (iv) testing may be carried out by the Association, the IAAF and any other body with competent authority to test under the Anti-Doping Rules.

2. A fee to be known as a "sanction fee" shall be charged by the Executive Committee and shall accompany all applications made under paragraph 1

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Such fee shall be as follows:-

- a. A local Sports Meeting \$200.00 per day including road races.
 - b. An International Sports Meeting \$400.00 per day.
 - c. International road event \$500.00 per day.
3. Any member who contravenes paragraph 1 shall be liable to disciplinary action by the Executive Committee of the Association.
 4. Where an application has been refused under paragraph 1, the sanction fee shall be refunded.
 5. An application under paragraph 1 may be refused for any one or more of the following reasons:-
 - (a) Where the Executive Committee has reserved or intends to reserve the date of the proposed sports meeting for a similar meeting of the Association.
 - (b) Where an application for a sports meeting has already been granted by the Executive Committee to another member in respect of the same date.
 - (c) Where the applicant is subject to disciplinary action or it is or its athletic members are unfinancial.
 6. Where more than one application is received in respect of a local sports meeting for the same date, and the applicants are not subject to disciplinary action and their athletic members are financial, the Executive Committee shall determine the matter by the drawing of lot.
 7. Where more than one application is received in respect of an international sports meeting for the same date, and the applicants are not subject to disciplinary action and their athletic members are financial, the Executive Committee shall in its sole discretion determine the matter.
 8. Where a sports meeting is promoted by more than one member, each member shall pay the prescribed sanction fee.
 9. Subject to paragraph 12 no person who is not an athletic member of the Association shall be permitted to compete in any local sports meeting or international sports meeting of the Association or any member of the Association.
 10. An athletic member who is unfinancial shall not be permitted to compete in any local sports meeting or international sports meeting of the Association or any member of the Association whether such meeting is staged either alone or by a combination of members or by the Association in combination with a member or by the Association or a member in combination with another not being a member of the Association.

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11. Subject to paragraph 12 any member who knowingly permits a person who is not an athletic member of the Association or who, being such a member is unfinancial to compete in any local sports meeting or international sports meeting of the Association or any member of the Association staged in any of the circumstances described in paragraph 10 shall be liable to expulsion from the Association.

12. Paragraphs 9 and 11 do not apply to:-

- (a) a person who is an accredited representative of a foreign country or a club formed outside of Trinidad and Tobago at any sports meeting of the Association or any member of the Association notwithstanding the circumstances under which that sports meeting is staged or the arrangements for the staging of such sports meeting; or
- (b) a person who is not an athletic member of the Association but who is competing in a class of sport over which the Association does not claim jurisdiction under Article 6 at any sports meeting staged by the Association or any member of the Association whether either alone or by a combination of members or by the Association in combination with a member or by the Association or a member in combination with another not being a member of the Association.

13. All track and field athletics shall be conducted under the Association Rules, the Competition Rules of the International Association of Athletic Federations and/or the Rules of such other amateur athletic organization as the General Council may from time to time determine.

14. No Sanction fee shall be payable whatsoever if:-

- (a) Admission to any sports meeting or game is free; or
- (b) A sports meeting or game is promoted by one active member and participation at such meeting or game is restricted solely to members of that active member, or
- (c) A sports meeting or game is confined to a school or schools and participation at such meeting or game is restricted solely to present and for past students of such school or schools.

ARTICLE 28

PRIZES AND AWARDS

1. No single prize shall exceed in value such sum as may be fixed from time to time by the International Association of Athletic Federations.

2. Special awards to amateur athletes in recognition of a performance shall not exceed in value the amount so fixed under paragraph 1.

ARTICLE 29

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DISCIPLINE

A. PROCEDURE, ENQUIRIES AND PENALTIES

1. Where any member, Athlete Support Personnel or officer has been charged for a breach of any of the provisions of this Constitution or the Association Rules the procedure shall be as follows in all cases:-

- (i) A copy of the charge together with particulars thereof shall be sent by the Secretary of the Association to the member or officer. Such member or officer shall be given not more than seven (7) days to notify the Secretary in writing whether he or it elects either to submit his or its reply to the charge in writing or to appear before the particular disciplinary body in his or its defence.
- (ii) If the member or officer elects to reply to the charge in writing he or it shall do so within twenty-one (21) days from the period specified in item (i)
- (iii) Where the member is an active or affiliate member and such member elects to appear before the disciplinary body in its defence it may be represented by not more than two of its accredited representatives, who may be legal counsel and an interpreter (at the individual's expense): so however that the decision of the particular disciplinary body shall not be invalid by reason that any person was not a duly accredited representative of that member.
- (iv) If the member or officer does not submit his or its notification to the Secretary of the Association within the time specified in item (i) the Secretary shall notify the particular disciplinary body and that body shall determine the matter and shall impose any of the penalties specified in item (xiii).
- (v) If the member or the officer admits the charge the particular disciplinary body shall impose any of the penalties specified in item (xiii).
- (vi) If the member or the officer does not admit the charge and elects to appear before the disciplinary body in his or its defence, that body shall hear the evidence and shall determine the matter accordingly;
- (vii) Subject to item (viii) the quorum of a disciplinary body empanelled for the purposes of this paragraph shall consist of eight persons in the case of the Executive Committee and twelve persons in the case of the General Council;
- (viii) In any case where the Executive Committee or the General Council is the disciplinary body the President shall:-
 - (a) preside as of right over that Committee or Council;
 - (b) be in addition to the persons specified in item (vii); and
 - (c) have only an original vote; so however that where the President is personally involved he shall be replaced by the most senior of the Vice-Presidents who is not himself personally involved in the matter.

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- (ix) Where a Vice-President is substituted for the President he shall have an original vote only
- (x) Where the President and all the Vice-Presidents are personally involved in the matter the disciplinary body shall elect a Chairman from among its members and that Chairman shall continue to have a vote.
- (xi) If any disciplinary body is equally divided or that body finds that the charge has not been proved the member or officer shall be exonerated.
- (xii) Where a member or officer has been exonerated no appeal shall lie.
- (xiii) If any disciplinary body finds that the charge has been proved that body may, subject to this Constitution, impose any of the following penalties:-
 - (a) Reprimand.
 - (b) Fine not exceeding twenty-one dollars in the case of an individual and forty dollars in the case of an active or affiliate member.
 - (c) Suspension.
 - (d) Dismissal.
- (xiv) The relevant disciplinary body shall give the reason(s) for its decision in writing.

B. APPEALS

- 2. Where a member or officer has admitted to the charge no appeal shall lie.
- 3. Where a member is aggrieved by the decision of the Executive Committee that member may appeal to the General Council by lodging a notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Association within fourteen (14) days from the date of that decision.
- 4. Where an appeal lies to the General Council elsewhere under this Constitution that appeal shall be made by lodging a notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Association within fourteen (14) days from the date of that decision.
- 5. Subject to paragraph 9 twelve persons shall constitute a quorum whenever the General Council meets to hear an appeal.
- 6. Where under this Constitution an appeal against a decision lies to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting that appeal shall be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Association within fourteen (14) days from the date of that decision.
- 7. Where an appeal is heard either by the General Council or by the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association it may quash, vary or affirm the decision appealed against and where it varies a decision it may impose any of the penalties specified in item (xiii) of paragraph 1.
- 8. Where on an appeal the General Council or the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting is equally divided the appeal shall be regarded as

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ending in favour of the appellant and the decision appealed against shall be quashed.

9. The President shall:-

- (i) preside as of right over the General Council, the Annual General Meeting or the Special General Meeting of the Association whenever any of those bodies is constituted to hear an appeal;
- (ii) In the case of the General Council be in addition to the persons specified in paragraph 5;
- (iii) Have only an original vote;

so however that where the President is personally involved he shall be replaced by the most senior of the Vice-Presidents who is not himself personally involved in the matter.

10. Where a Vice-President is substituted for the President he shall have an original vote only.

11. Where the President and all the Vice-Presidents are personally involved in the matter the General Council or the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting as the case may be shall elect a Chairman from among its members and that Chairman shall continue to have a vote.

12. Where the General Council or the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association hears and determines an appeal the decision of the Council or the Annual or Special General Meeting shall be final to all intents and purposes.

ARTICLE 30

DISPUTES

A All disputes whether arising between:

- (i) The Association and the IAAF; or
- (ii) The Association and another national governing body for Athletics affiliated to the IAAF shall be referred to the Council of the IAAF. The Council shall determine a procedure for the adjudication of the dispute depending on the circumstances of the case in question.

1. All disputes, except those mentioned at Article 30. A, shall be determined at the level of the Association.

2. Where any dispute arises which cannot be dealt with elsewhere under this Constitution or the Association Rules, such dispute shall, if any of the parties so requests, be reported promptly and not later than seven days from the date of such request to the Secretary of the Association who shall refer the matter to a tribunal (hereinafter called "the Disputes Tribunal").

3. The Disputes Tribunal shall consist of:-

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- (i) A Chairman who shall be chosen by the President of the Association;
and
- (ii) Two members one of whom shall be chosen by each party.

4. The Disputes Tribunal may make such rules for their own guidance including the conduct and management of the enquiry into such dispute as they may from time to time think fit.

5. The decision of the Disputes Tribunal may be by majority and shall be final to all intents and purposes.

ARTICLE 31

STATUS, FORFEITURE AND REINSTATEMENT

A. DEFINITION OF AN AMATEUR

1. An amateur is a person who competes only for the love of sports and who :-
 - (a) has never competed for money or, subject to Article 26, monies worth in any game or sports; or
 - (b) has never been in any way interested in a staked bet or wager made in connection with any athletic competition in which he was an entrant or competitor; or
 - (c) has never been engaged in or assisted in or taught any athletic exercises or games for money or monies worth or
 - (d) has never in any way exploited his athletic ability for money or monies worth; or
 - (e) has never taken part in any athletic competition with any person who is not an amateur.

B. DEFINITION OF A PROFESSIONAL

2. A professional is a person who is ineligible to take part in any competition under the Rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations or of the Association or of any other organization to which the Association is affiliated under Article 4.

C. FORFEITURE OF AMATEUR STATUS

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 and subject to paragraph 5 and 6 an athlete shall cease to be an amateur if :-
 - (i) he is declared to be ineligible for amateur competition by the International Association of Athletics Federations or any other organization to which the Association is affiliated; or
 - (ii) he has become a professional in any game or sport; or
 - (iii) he had entered knowingly or had knowingly allowed himself to be entered in any athletic competition which is not

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- confined to amateurs in respect of which money or, subject to Article 28, monies worth is offered; or
- (iv) he has issued or knowingly allows to be issued on his behalf any challenge to compete for money or monies worth; or
 - (v) he has received money or any other consideration for the exhibition of any prize won by him in an athletic competition; or
 - (vi) he has received any compensation for using the goods or apparatus of any firm or manufacturer or agent or has knowingly allowed his name or his photograph to be used in any manner whatsoever for the purpose of advertising or recommending the goods or apparatus of any firm, manufacturer or agent; or
 - (vii) he has entered for or competed in any athletic event under a name other than his true name or one assumed permanently by him for the purpose of competition and registered by him to with the Association;
 - (viii) he has entered into a wager or is a stakeholder or is in any way interested in a stake or wager made in connection with any amateur athletic competition; or
 - (ix) he has sought or received either directly or indirectly from any person or body any reimbursement as a condition for time lost from business or employment, during the time that he is training for or travelling to or from or competing in any athletics competition; or
 - (x) he has sought or received either directly or indirectly from any person or body any hotel or travelling or other expenses in connection with any athletic competition without the prior permission of the Executive Committee of the Association; or
 - (xi) he has pawned, sold, exchanged, realized, bartered or otherwise converted into money or monies worth any prize won by him; or
 - (xii) he has accepted any remuneration either directly or indirectly from any person or body for any competition in which he is an entrant or competitor or player; or
 - (xiii) he has sought or accepted in any manner or received money or monies worth in going to or attending or returning from any athletic competition other than his actual outlay for transportation by rail, sea, air, automobile or other recognised mode of transport authorised by the Association and an allowance not exceeding the amount per day as may be determined from time to time under the Rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations or in the

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alternative any organization to which the Association is affiliated to cover subsistence and lodging expenses.

(xiv) He has in any manner whatsoever aided and abetted any amateur to commit a breach of any of the provisions of this paragraph.

D. MEMBERSHIP

4. Where a person is declared by the Executive Committee of the Association to have ceased to be an amateur:-

- (a) the name of that person shall be struck off the Members' Roll;
- (b) that person shall be disqualified from membership of the Association; and
- (c) notice of the disqualification shall be sent to all active and affiliate members of the Association.

E. EXEMPTIONS

5. An athlete shall not cease to be an amateur if:-

- (a) (i) he competes or plays with or against a professional in any of the games specified in item (ii) provided that:-
 - (x) neither money nor monies worth nor other reward is offered;
 - (y) he neither seeks nor received either directly or indirectly any remuneration or the promise of future remuneration for playing, training or loss of time; and
 - (z) he obtains the prior permission of the Executive Committee of the Association.
- (ii) The games specified in item (i) are badminton, baseball, basketball, bowls cricket, rugby, football, volleyball, golf, hockey, squash, tennis (lawn and table) and such others as are named from time to time by the Executive Committee.
- (b) he competes with or against a professional in any event confirmed to and promoted by a unit of any Foreign or Commonwealth Navy, Army or Air Force and neither money nor monies worth is offered as the inducement to any competitor or as a prize; or
- (c) subject to the prior permission of the Executive Committee of the Association he receives any remuneration in respect of any office connected with sport; or
- (d) he teaches trains or coaches in any sport as a member of the staff of the University or a School or a Youth Camp or a Reformatory Establishment provided that his work is solely educational and that he is not paid directly or indirectly for the coaching of athletes for competition; or
- (e) he writes, lectures or broadcasts upon athletics or athletic competitions for reward if:-

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- (i) he is a journalist, radio or television commentator by profession or trade;
 - (ii) he has ceased to take part in athletics competition and has so notified the Secretary of the Association in writing to this effect: or
 - (iii) he is employed in the Public Service or by any organization. recognized by the Association to teach physical education.
- (f) he unknowingly competes against a professional in any athletic competition which is designated an amateur event.

F. SPECIAL EXEMPTION

6. A student of the University or a School or a Youth Camp who has infringed his amateur status may compete at any sport meeting given by his University, School or Youth Camp without effecting the amateur status of any of his colleagues at that University, School or Youth Camp.

G. REINSTATEMENT

7. Subject to paragraph 12 upon application addressed to the Secretary of the Association and accompanied by a fee of dollars a person who has ceased to be an amateur may seek to be reinstated as an amateur.
8. All applications for reinstatement shall be dealt with in the first instance by the Executive Committee of the Association.
9. If the Executive Committee by a three quarters majority of the members present and voting so recommends the application together with the recommendation of that Committee shall then be referred to the general Council.
10. Where an application is referred to the General Council under paragraph 9 that Council may defer, reject or approve such application upon such terms as it thinks fit.
11. All fees shall be retained by the Association.
12. In every case where an application has been referred and the applicant has been requested to re-apply at a later date that applicant shall be required to pay a further fee upon re-application.
13. Subject as hereinbefore provided a person who:-
- (a) has lost his amateur status either under this Article or the Rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations or other organization to which the Association is affiliated: and
 - (b) has not competed as a professional or violated the amateur rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations or other organization to which the Association is affiliated for a period of at least five years:
- may be reinstated as a non-competing amateur.

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14. Where a person has been reinstated either as an amateur or a non-competing amateur:-

(a) Notice of such reinstatement shall be sent to all active and affiliate members:

(b) Such person shall be entitled to be re-admitted to membership of the Association either as an athletic or ordinary member;

So however that in the case of a non-competing amateur he shall not be entitled to participate at any sports meeting of the Association or any organization to which the Association is affiliated or at which the Association is invited or entitled to participate.

ARTICLE 32

THE ASSOCIATION RULES

1. The General Council may make Rules for the guidance of all members and officers of the Association and such rules shall be called the "Association Rules".
2. The General Council may amend, repeal or add to the Association Rules provided that such amendment, addition or repeal :-
 - (i) is not inconsistent with this Constitution of the Rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations or any other organization to which the Association is affiliated; and
 - (ii) is passed by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting.
3. Any Rule made under paragraph 1 or 2 or any repeal which is inconsistent with this Constitution of the Rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations or any other organization to which the Association is affiliated shall be ultra vires, null and void and of no effect.

ARTICLE 33

INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

AND THE ASSOCIATION RULES

1. Where any dispute arises as to the meaning and/or effect of the provisions of the Constitution or the Association Rules and a decision thereon is desired, such dispute shall be referred to the General Council of the Association.
2. Where the General Council of the Association determines any matter under paragraph 1 the decision of that Council shall be final to all intents and purposes.

ARTICLE 34

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LIABILITY

1. If any liability is attached to any member or officer of the Association by any court for any act done in the performance of any duty or function under this Constitution or the Association Rules or for any act done, for or on behalf of the Association or any Committee of the Association, such liability shall be borne out of the funds of the Association.
2. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary where the Association has no money or no sufficient money, the liability of any member or officer shall be met by a levy which shall be charged upon all members and officers of the Association in such amount as the Executive Committee in its sole discretion determine.
3. Where any member or officer fails to pay his levy to the Secretary of the Association within twenty-eight (28) from the date upon which notice of such levy has been served personally or otherwise upon him, the Executive Committee may notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary direct that the name of such member or officer be struck off the Member's Roll.
4. Where a person has been struck off the Member's Roll for non-payment of a levy under this Article he shall not be re-admitted to membership of the Association unless without prejudice to any other sanctions he first pays the outstanding levy.

ARTICLE 35

BINDING AGREEMENT

Membership in the Association binds all members and officers jointly and severally to all the provisions of this Constitution and the Association Rules.

ARTICLE 36

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Subject to paragraphs 4, 5 and 6, this constitution may be amended at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Association convened for that purpose by a two thirds majority of the members.

All motions for the amendment of the Constitution shall:-

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) be addressed to the Secretary of the Association; and
- (c) in the case where the amendment is proposed for the Annual General Meeting shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Association at least twenty-eight (28) days before the meeting.

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All motions for the amendment of the Constitution shall be specific and where necessary shall:-

- (a) refer to the particular Article and paragraph (if any);
- (b) in the case of a deletion and replacement or a deletion alone specify the words which it is proposed should be deleted and the new words (if any) and quote the Article or paragraph as the case may be in the form such Article or paragraph would take after such deletion and replacement or such deletion alone;
- (c) in the case of a completely new provision quote the new provision.

No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which is inconsistent with the Rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations or of any other organization to which the Association is affiliated and any such amendment shall be ultra vires, null and void and of no effect.

No amendment shall abrogate, abridge or infringe or authorise the abrogation, abridgement or infringement of the provisions of Articles 33 and 34 and any such amendment shall be ultra vires, null and void and of no effect.

The provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 and of this paragraph shall be entrenched.

ARTICLE 37

THE SEAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall have a Seal which shall be kept in the custody of the President or the Secretary of the Association.

The Seal shall be affixed to an instrument where the Constitution and the Association Rules so provide and to any other instrument whenever necessary or appropriate.

ARTICLE 38

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Until the election of officers of the Association and of members of the General Council and Executive Committee under this Constitution, the affairs of the Association shall be managed in a manner maintained or provided by persons chosen from among the following:-

1. (a) All the last officers of the former Association known as the Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago.
- (b) All the last officers of the former Union known as the National Athletes Union of Trinidad and Tobago;

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- (c) All the members of the last General Committee of the former Association known as the Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago.
- (d) All the members of the last Management Committee of the former Association known as the Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago.
- (e) All the members of the last Executive Committee of the former Union known as the National Athletes Union of Trinidad and Tobago.
2. The persons referred to in paragraph 1 shall elect from among their number:-
- (i) officers of the Association as provided for in Article 11.
 - (ii) A General Council consisting of fifteen persons not being a person referred to at item (i) together with life members if any.
 - (iii) An Executive Committee consisting of twelve persons not being one of the fifteen persons referred to at item (ii)
3. All officers shall together with the persons referred to at items (ii) and (iii) of paragraph 2 constitute the General Council and Executive Committee respectively.
4. All officers and all members of the General Council and Executive Committee elected or appointed under this Article shall hold office until the election of officers, the General Council and the Executive Committee under this Constitution.
5. Until the election of officers of the Association and of members of the General Council and the Executive Committee under this Constitution all the officers and all members of the General Council and Executive Committee elected under this Article shall this day hold office and all the powers and privileges of and do and perform all such things as are vested in or may be performed by the officers and by members of the General Council and Executive Committee under this Constitution.
6. A person elected as a Secretary or Assistant Secretary under this Article shall not be employed on a full time basis and shall not be entitled to remuneration for his services.

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ARTICLE 39

OPERATIVE DATE AND EXECUTION

1. This Constitution shall take effect from the date on which it is executed for and on behalf of the Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago and the National Athletics Union of Trinidad and Tobago in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 hereunder.

2. Executed for and on behalf of the Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago at WHITEHALL MARAVAL RD., PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD in accordance with Resolution dated the 29th day of June 1971, a copy of which is hereto attached and marked "A" for the purpose of identification this 10th day of July, 1971 in the presence of the undersigned witnesses :-

J.R.N. CUMBERBATCH

Vice President

DOUGLAS L. BARZEY

Member General Committee

Member Management Committee

For and on behalf of the Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago.

OSCAR HARVEY

IRWIN EDWARDS

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3. Executed for and on behalf of the National Athletes Union of Trinidad and Tobago at WHITEHALL MARAVAL RD., PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD in accordance with Resolution dated the 17th day of June 1971, a copy of which is hereto attached and marked "B" for the purpose of identification this 10th day of July, 1971 in the presence of the undersigned witnesses :-

J. A. NOEL

PRESIDENT

RAWLE RAPHAEL

SECRETARY

For and on behalf of the National Athletes Union of Trinidad and Tobago.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago is desirous of introducing a new Constitution to cover all aspects of amateur track and field athletic sports in Trinidad and Tobago at all appropriate levels;

AND WHEREAS the said Amateur Athletic Association is also desirous that any other Association or Union which caters for amateur track and field athletic sports in Trinidad and Tobago on a national basis should be invited to join with the said Association in this venture for the common good;

AND WHEREAS the National Athletes Union of Trinidad and Tobago which said Union caters for amateur track and field athletic sports in Trinidad and Tobago on a national basis has agreed to join with the said Amateur Athletic Association in this venture;

AND WHEREAS the Amateur Athletic Association has sought the assistance of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago in the preparation of a draft Constitution for the said purpose;

AND WHEREAS the said Amateur Athletic Association has been supplied with a draft Constitution by the said Prime Minister which said Constitution the said Association is informed, was prepared by the Attorney General's Ministry;

AND WHEREAS the said Amateur Athletic Association has studied the said draft Constitution and has agreed with the said Constitution subject to certain slight modifications;

RESOLVED that the accredited representatives of the said Amateur Athletic Association be authorised to meet with the said National Athletes Union of Trinidad and Tobago under the Chairmanship of the said Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the said representatives should at this meeting table its views for consideration;

AND RESOLVED FURTHER that the said Constitution should be signed and witnessed by the said accredited representatives of the said Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago as evidence of the intention and decision of the Association to introduce and operate the said new Constitution.

Passed by the Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago at a special general meeting held on 29th June, 1971 at San Fernando, Trinidad West Indies.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

J. R. N. Cumberbatch

Oscar Harvey

Douglas L. Barzey

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The Association Rules of the National Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago are amended to include the following:-

In Rule 4 by inserting after subsection (iv) the following new subsections:

- (v) **All athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and other persons under the jurisdiction of the Association or Area Association shall be bound by the Anti-Doping Rules which are incorporated by reference into the Rules.**
- (vi) **All athletes acknowledge that by virtue of their membership, affiliation or participation in the Association that they agree:**
 - (a) **To be subject to any in-competition and out-of-competition testing carried out by the Association, the IAAF and other bodies with competent authority to test under the Anti-Doping Rules; and**
 - (b) **No athlete will be granted the Association's consent to use an Athlete's Representative, and no Athlete's Representative shall be authorized, unless a written contract exists between the athlete and his Representative which contains the minimum terms set out in the International Association of Athletic Federations ("IAAF") Regulations concerning National Federation/Athletes' Representatives.**

Rule 7 is amended by:

- (a) deleting the words "using dope" wherever it appears and substituting therefore the word "**doping**";
- (b) by deleting in paragraph (viii) the words "*means the employment by any means or device by a person of any drug, herb, grass or other substance whether liquid or solid and of whatever nature with the intention of increasing athletic efficiency by its stimulating action upon muscles or nerves or by paralyzing the sense of fatigue of any person and a person is deemed to be "using dope if he is so found within ... hours of the official starting time of a sports meeting, benefit, exhibition or other sporting event."*" and substituting therefore the words "**shall have the meaning ascribed in Rule 32 (2) of the Anti-Doping Rules.**"