

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA (EFI) AND  
STATE/UT EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION ON 12 JUN 2022 AT DSOI,  
DHAULA KUAN, DELHI CANTT – 110010**

1. A meeting between Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) and State/UT Equestrian Association was held on 12 June 2022 at DSOI, Dhaula Kuan, Delhi Cantt – 110 010 at 1000hrs.
2. The following members attended the meeting: -
  - (a) Col Jagat Singh - Vice President (Tech), EFI
  - (b) Col Jaiveer Singh - Secretary General, EFI
  - (c) Mr DK Borah, IPS (Retd) - President  
Equestrian Federation of Assam
  - (d) Mr Anirban Saikia - Representative  
Equestrian Federation of Assam
  - (e) Maj T Swamy (Retd) - Secretary  
Telangana State Equestrian Association
  - (f) Col M Ranjit Singh (Retd) - President  
Manipur Equestrian Association
  - (g) Mr Bobby Wahlang - Secretary  
Equestrian Association of Meghalaya
  - (h) Mr Vinod Singh - Joint Secretary  
Madhya Pradesh Equestrian Association

3. **Opening address by the VP (Tech).** Col Jagat Singh, VP (Tech) of EFI welcomed all members to the meeting. He informed the gathering that the meeting between National Federation (NF) and State/UT Equestrian Associations was last held on 12 May 2008. He mentioned that the primary aim of this meeting is to update all State/UT Equestrian Associations about the developments/activities, the legal challenges faced by EFI related to implementation of Sports Code, application of sports code both at National level and at the State level as per the directions of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) and honourable High Court of Delhi. Thereafter, he handed over the proceedings to Col Jaiveer Singh, Secretary General EFI.

| Points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Decision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Remarks |
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| 4. The <b>Secretary General, EFI</b> informed all present that in Feb 2021, MYAS had introduced a waiver clause in Sports Code and based on that EFI had applied for the waiver from specific clauses of Sports Code. The MYAS was kind enough to grant the EFI exemption from specific clauses of Sports Code vide their letter No 27-4/2013-SP-III (Vol-II) dated 09 Nov 2021. He further informed the house that amendments of the Statutes of EFI have been carried out | All present appreciated that efforts of EFI towards compliance with Sports Code and obtaining exemption from MYAS. It was unanimously decided for all State/UT Equestrian Associations / Club/Institutional members to implement the following as approved in the AGM held on 27 Mar 2022 :- |         |

and were approved in the AGM held on 27 Mar 2022. As on date EFI is in complete compliance with Sports Code. The Secretary General suggested members to download the following from EFI Website: -

- (a) Amended Statutes of EFI
- (b) EFI Election Bye Laws
- (c) EFI Policy: Recognition of State/UT Equestrian Association
- (d) Guidelines for Institution/Club Members

**Secretary General** also informed the house that on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 the NF had submitted the amended copy of EFI Statutes to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) and thereafter the EFI received its annual recognition on 05 Apr 2022 from the MYAS till 31 Dec 2022.

**Secretary General** informed all present that the Sports Code mandates all State/UT Association should have 50% District Association for their recognition by NF. These registered District Association shall be formed by Institutions/Clubs members of EFI present in each district. District Associations have to come up, they have to be registered bodies and the Secretary General requested the members present in the house to work on that.

The **Secretary General** also added that as per the new EFI Statutes, individual Voting Rights have been removed. The State/UT Equestrian Associations have two (2) Votes and Club/Institutions will have one (1) vote. For Voting Rights of Club/Institution, the MYAS has granted exemption as mentioned above. No individual voting right is permitted whether it is at the District or State/UT or National level.

He further said that as per Para 3.4 of Annexure II of NSDCI-2011 we need to have affiliated Units in atleast 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of total States/UTs of India i.e 24 State/UTs out of 37. As on date, we only

- (a) EFI Statutes
- (b) EFI Election Bye Laws
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having 12 State/UT Equestrian Associations affiliated with EFI but none of them have 50% District Association which is in violation of Sports Code. Thus, it is imperative for State/UT Equestrian Association to establish the requisite District Associations.

5. **Mr DK Borah** queried that if the Clubs can vote in EFI then the State/UTs Equestrian Associations also can follow the same procedure.

**Secretary General** suggested all present to follow EFI's Statutes and Policy of Recognition of State/UT Equestrian Associations which will facilitate the State/UT Equestrian Associations as well as Club/Institutional member of EFI to be in compliance with Sports Code.

**Mr DK Borah** said that we cannot have two set of guidelines for the same sport, one sport one guideline. He further asked if their Clubs can be considered as Districts.

**Secretary General** clarified that Clubs cannot be considered as Districts since it will be in violation of Sports Code. He also clarified that voting right of clubs are clarified in EFI's policy on recognition of State/UT Equestrian Association and Statutes.

**Mr Anirban Saikia** asked if the waivers that was granted to EFI is probably applicable to State and Districts. **Secretary General** clarified that the State/UT Associations need to form District Associations and attain the figure of 50% to be eligible for affiliation with EFI as per the Sports Code.

**Mr DK Borah** informed all present that in Assam Equestrian Association sport is available in only six districts and hence they can't form 50% District Associations. Col Jagat Singh replied that it is the duty of respective State/UTs to build the base in the form District Associations in line with the Sports Code and EFI Rules on the subject.

Col Jagat Singh informed all present everything is clearly stated in the EFI Statutes, rule and regulations for State/UT Equestrian Associations and Club/Institutional membership. He requested all to please follow them in letter and spirit for facilitating the State/UT Equestrian Association's compliance with Sports Code in all facets which the Federation has already achieved.

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| <p>6. <b>Maj T Swamy (Retd)</b> queried as to how can government servant be part of a civil body.</p> <p><b>Secretary General</b> replied that the same is done as per CCS Rules of 1964 and DoPT Rules revised from time to time.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                   |  |
| <p>7. <b>Mr DK Borah</b> proposed that we will convert Clubs to District Associations and we will register district associations.</p> <p><b>Secretary General</b> clarified that this can be done but not a single Club, but a minimum of two Clubs to avoid monopoly by that single Club from legal and administrative perspective. Mr DK Borah said so legally we will show everything, otherwise there are centres only. Secretary General said centre &amp; club is the same thing. He added that one single club cannot become a district association since one body cannot have two entities i.e District Association which is a society and the other is a Club.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                   |  |
| <p align="center"><b><u>UPDATE BY STATE/UT ASSOCIATION &amp; POLICY OF EFI RELATED TO STATE/UT EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION</u></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |  |
| <p>8. <b>Secretary General</b> informed the members that data of last 5 years from State/UT Equestrian Associations as per format requested from members and their reply was flashed state wise on the screen. He flashed a new format on the screen for getting recognition of State/UT Equestrian Association and informed the house that a report as per new format consisting of 23 points for last two years was requested by EFI which has not been submitted by State/UT Equestrian Association. These 23 points are the most important points for continuation as recognised member of the EFI. Each State/UT Equestrian Association will be recognised for a year based on these parameters otherwise it will be de-recognised. He also clarified that the same procedure the EFI is following with the MYAS for yearly recognition. Hence, the same rules to be applicable to our State/UT Equestrian Associations which is the reason for</p> | <p>All present agreed to forward the data as requested by EFI</p> |  |

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| <p>introduction of new policy for State/UT Equestrian Associations yearly recognition by EFI. He requested all present to forward the data as per the new format immediately on their return.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <p>9. <b>Mr Anirban Saikia</b> raised question on issuing of Rider IDs to athletes.</p> <p>Secretary General replied that as per the feedback of athletes they prefer to take National (EFI) Rider ID, so that they can participate in Nationals and in State/District levels too with the EFI ID. On contrary, rider with District or State level ID can't participate in the National level. Mr DK Borah said that we don't have any objections to National ID but the Riders should also have a State ID because normally the game starts from the school level, the moment he/she represents school his/her registration is done at the district level. Secretary General replied that it is at the discretion of State/UT Equestrian Associations, in case they feel the Riders should have a State ID.</p> |                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <p>10. Secretary General asked representatives of State/UT Equestrian Association to discuss their queries, if any.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <p>11. <b>Mr DK Borah</b> expressed his grievance pertaining to problems faced in hiring of trained instructors, farriers etc.</p> <p><b>Secretary General</b> replied that EFI is already working on the issue of formulating an education program for the officials, grooms, farriers and training instructors. The new policy shall also incorporate accreditation of support staff with the federation by conducting online classes and tests.</p> <p><b>Mr DK Borah</b> suggested to publish the list of Army personnel retiring from service every year in EFI website, so that they can be hired by State/UT Equestrian Associations.</p>                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>The Secretary General suggested to kindly approach ASC Centre (North) at Bangalore for such requirement since it is beyond the ambit of EFI.</p> |  |

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| <p>12. <b>Mr DK Borah</b> brought out the problems being faced by them in North-East region regarding non availability of Veterinary Doctors trained on equestrian requirements i.e treatment part.</p> <p><b>Col Jagat Singh</b> suggested that this issue can be resolved by approaching Brig RVS of Command HQ for detailing an Army Veterinary Doctor from a local Army Veterinary Hospital to conduct a clinic at local level for you.</p> <p><b>Mr DK Borah</b> requested the Chair to coordinate the same by EFI on behalf of them. <b>Mr Anirban Saikia</b> said that their veterinary doctors don't know how to deworm the horses and it is a serious problem. <b>Mr DK Borah</b> said that once the clinic is conducted then all the issues can be resolved.</p> |                                                                                                                               |  |
| <p>13. <b>Mr Anirban Saikia</b> suggested conducting a National level equestrian competition in North-Eastern region.</p> <p><b>Secretary General</b> explained that the biggest problem faced by the participants is to move their horses, which incurs lot of expenditure and hence participants are not interested. Unlike Govt personnel who move alongwith their horses on govt expenses.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                               |  |
| <p>14. <b>Mr Bobby</b> and <b>Mr Anirban Saikia</b> requested the Secretary General that the EFI should take up a case to get Equestrian competitions included in National Games.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p><b>Secretary General</b> requested them to send their suggestion with justification on mail to EFI for further action.</p> |  |
| <p>15. <b>Mr Bobby</b> enquired about the upper age limit for serving as member in the State/District Association.</p> <p><b>Secretary General</b> replied that, as per EFI Statutes and International Olympic Charter, no person above 70 years of age can serve as member in National/ State/District Equestrian Federation. Secretary General also mentioned that guidelines from Sports Ministry, Statues, parameters for functioning of Clubs, recognitions for Associations, Election Bye Laws are available on our EFI Website. Anyone</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                               |  |



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| <p>can download and process their requirements accordingly.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |
| <p>16. <b>Secretary General</b> asked for suggestions pertaining to District Associations where there is only one Club?</p> <p><b>Vice President (Tech)</b> said that if there is one Club in District, then, it can't form a District Association. If there are more than one Club, they can put their resources together and form a District Association.</p> <p>The <b>Secretary General</b> also informed that for society registration there are seven documents required like minutes of founding members, bank account, telephone number, landline, Aadhar Card, PAN Card etc.</p>                                                                                              |  |  |
| <p>17. <b>Mr Anirban Saikia</b> said that Clubs should be affiliated to the District Association under State Federations.</p> <p><b>Secretary General</b> replied that Clubs can get affiliated either directly with National Federation or under State Federation, since their choice. State federations get funds from State Govt. He suggested to use these funds for growth and development of the sport in their State/UT.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |
| <p>18. Col T Swamy requested if funding from EFI to these Clubs is possible.</p> <p><b>Secretary General</b> replied that once State/UT Equestrian Association as per regulation stated in EFI Statutes and Rules on recognition of State/UT Association is complied with, then EFI shall provide financial support to them. He added that the EFI is providing Rs 50,000/- as incentive to all Clubs holding RELs. But the State Association have to follow EFI parameters to come in line with National Federation rules &amp; regulations and the Sports Code. Whether District or State, once, these parameters are followed, then State/District Associations will get funds.</p> |  |  |



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| <p><b>Secretary General</b>, EFI informed all present that EFI is recognized by the Sports Ministry and are following all parameters for the same. He further stated that the EFI had organised almost 75 tournaments last year including Asian Games Trials. The EFI was one of the few federations out of 57 federations, who have completed all national competitions inspite of COVID-19.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |  |
| <p>19. <b>Mr Anirban Saikia</b> extended his deep appreciation in the improved functioning of EFI which has been taking place through sustained efforts without the environment getting to know. He clarified that due to lack of communication they were not aware of these developments. He appreciated holding of this meeting which was a big eye opener. He suggested that until we have finalised, streamlined our activities the EFI should hold these meetings regularly and thereafter the frequency can be reduced.</p> <p>The <b>Secretary General</b> confirmed that such meeting with State/UT Equestrian Associations will be conducted regularly. He confirmed that this sport is only surviving on the efforts of Clubs which are the building blocks for the growth and development of Equestrian Sport in this country. Hence, clubs will have voting rights i.e one vote, State/UT Association will have 2 vote and no individual votes. He requested all to go through our Statutes for better assimilation and comprehensive of EFI's efforts to be in line with Sports Code.</p> |  |  |

20. Secretary General requested the VP (Tech), EFI to give a closing address.

21. The VP (Tech), EFI thanked all the members of State/UT Equestrian Associations for attending this meeting. He also advised members to work for the betterment of equestrian sport.

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Dated : 15 June 2022



  
(Jaiveer Singh)  
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Secretary General