THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

BYE-LAWS

Existing Rule	Accepted by the National Council
1. ShortTitle: TheseBye-Lawsshallbecalled'TheBharat Scouts and Guides National Association Bye-Laws'.	No change
2. Commencement: TheseBye-Lawsshallcomeintoforce on the date of approval by the NationalCouncil.	No change
3. Definitions: (i) 'Association' means the Bharat Scouts and Guides National Association; (ii) 'Memorandum of Association' means the Memorandum of Association of the Bharat Scouts and Guides; (iii) 'Rules'meanstheRulesoftheBharatScoutsand Guides; (iv) Words and expressions used in these Bye-Laws shall,unlessotherwiseprovidedintheBye-Laws, have the same meaning assigned to them in the MemorandumofAssociationandtheRules.	No change (v). Address of National Association: **The Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters, Lakshmi Mazumdar Bhawan 16, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi:110002 or as may be decided by the National Executive Committee from time to time.**
4. Membership : (i) Subject to the provisions of the Memorandum of Association and the Rules, membership of the National Association is open to citizens of India who subscribe to the Aims and objects of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, provided, however, any citizens of any other Nation may be admitted as a member as provided for in the Rules.	**(1)** The Membership of the **Association in the local/district association** is open to citizens of India; who subscribe to the Fundamentals, which includes Purpose, Principles, the Methods, the Promise and the Law. Provided, a citizen of any other nationality residing for the time being in India may be admitted as a member **of the local/district association with the approval** of the State Chief Commissioner. Provided, further, that such person subscribes to the Scout or Guide Promise as hereunder:

	On my honour I promise that I will do my best To do my duty to God* and India To help other people and To obey the Scout or Guide Law. Note: *The word "Dharma" may be substituted for the word 'God'if so desired.
(ii) The membership of the Association shallconsist of four kinds,namely- a) GeneralMembers b) Life Members c) OrdinaryMembers d) Special Members	The membership of the association shall consist of A) **All the State Associations of the Bharat Scouts and Guides.** B) **All the District Association of the Bharat Scouts and Guides directly affiliated by the National Association.** C) **All the Auxiliary Units directly affiliated by the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Association** D) **All the Office Bearers of the National Association.**
(iii) The General Members are those mentioned in rule 4(2) (a) of the Rules of the Bharat Scouts &Guides.	To be deleted
(iv) A person who desires to become a Life Member shall present an application for enrolment as suchandheshallpayalongwiththeapplication not less than Rs. 10,000/- The applicant shall furnishintheapplicationparticularssuchashis name,address,age,occupation,educationaland other qualifications, services, if any, rendered to the Movement and an affirmation that he subscribestotheAimsandObjectsoftheBharat Scouts &Guides.	To be deleted

(v)	TheapplicationshallbeaddressedtotheDirector, who shall place the same before the National Executive Committee at its next meeting; the National Executive Committee shall decide on the admission of the person as a life member and its decision shall befinal.	To be deleted
(vi)	A person who desires to become an ordinary member of the Association shall present an application for enrolment as such and he/she shall pay along with the application an annual subscription of Rs.100/- or such sum as may be prescribed from time to time by the National Executive Committee; the applicant shall furnishintheapplicationsuchparticularsashis name,address,age,occupation,educationaland other qualifications, meritorious service, if any, rendered to the Movement and an affirmation thathesubscribestotheAimsandObjectsofthe Bharat Scouts andGuides.	To be deleted
(vii)	The application for Life membership and Ordinary Membership must be recommended by two members of the National Association who are eligible to participate in the election of the Association at anylevel.	To be deleted
(viii)	The application shall be addressed to the Director, who shallplacethe same before the National Executive Committee at its next meeting ; the National Executive Committee shall decide on the admission of the person as	To be deleted

an ordinary member and decision shall befinal.	
(ix) The National Council or the National Executive Committee as the case may be, shall reserve the right of admission of any person respectively as a Life Member or an OrdinaryMember.	To be deleted
(x) On admission, membership shall commence from the date ofapplication.	To be deleted
(xi) As regards Special Members, the National Director shall maintain a Register of Roll of Members and the members of the Association shall sign in the Register and they shall be Special Members of the National Association for the purpose of Section 12 of the Societies Registration Act, provided, however they have not resigned or ceased to be members underthe Memorandum of Association and theRules.	To be deleted
5. (a) General Meeting : (i) Every Society registered under this act shall hold every year a General Meeting called the Annual General Meeting. TheNational Executive Committee in consultation with the President shall decide the time, date & place of Meeting. Notice to members be issued not less than sixty days before the date of Meeting. The Director shall send the notice of the meeting by ordinary post under certificate of posting to the address of the members as registered in the Association.	5. General Meeting(National Council) The Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Association shall hold every year a General Meeting called the Annual General Meeting of the National Council of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. The Director in consultation with the Chief National Commissioner and the President shall decide the time, date & place of meeting. Notice to member associations shall be issued not less than **thirty** days before the date of Meeting. The Director shall send the notice of the meeting **by email to all the members and by speed post to the State Associations. In the general meeting of the National Council, the Bharat Scouts and Guides member associations shall be**

	represented through following office bearers of the state associations: **1. State Chief Commissioners** **2. State Commissioner of Scouts** **3. State Commissioner of Guides** **4. State Secretaries** **5. State Org. Commissioner of Scouts** **6. State Org. Commissioner of Guides** **7. State Trg. Commissioner of Scouts** **8. State Trg. Commissioner of Guides** In the general meeting of the National Council of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, following officials shall be the participants from the National Association: (i) President (ii) Vice Presidents (iii) Chief National Commissioner, (iv) Additional Chief National Commissioner (v) Chief Commissioner of Scouts (vi) Chief Commissioner of Guides (vii) International Commissioner of Scouts. (viii) International Commissioner of Guides (ix) National Commissioner of Cubs (x) National Commissioner of Scouts (xi) National Commissioner of Rovers (xii) National Commissioner of Bulbuls (xiii) National Commissioner of Guides (xiv) National Commissioner of Rangers (xv) National Commissioner of Scouts (Adult Resources) (xvi) National Commissioner of Guides (Adult Resources) (xvii) National Commissioners (Headquarters). (xviii) Deputy National Commissioners of Cubs (xix) Deputy National Commissioners of Scouts

	(xx) Deputy National Commissioners of Rovers (xxi) Deputy National Commissioners of Bulbul (xxii) Deputy National Commissioners of Guides (xxiii) Deputy National Commissioners of Rangers (xxiv) Deputy National Commissioners for Headquarters (xxv) Dy. International Commissioner of Scouts (xxvi) Dy. International Commissioner of Guides (xxvii) Director shall be the Secretary of the National Council and Jt. Director (SS) shall be the Jt. Secretary. (xxviii) Jt. Director of Scout. Jt. Director of Guide.
(ii) The notice shall be deemed to have been duly servedonthedatethenoticeispostedforwhich purpose the Director shall maintain a despatch register in which he shall enter the name and address of the member to whom the notice is sent and the date on which the notice issent.	No change
(iii) The Director shall send copies of resolutions and subjects to be considered at the ordinary annual meeting not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting, in the manner provided in Bye- Law 5, sub-clauses (a) (i) and (ii) above.	The Director shall send copies of resolutions and subjects to be considered at the ordinary annual meeting not less than **seven** days before the date of the meeting, in the manner provided in Bye-Law 5, sub-clauses (a) (i) and (ii) above.
5. (b) Special General Meeting : The National Commissioner or the National Executive Committee shall convene a special General Meeting in Consultation with the President to transact a particular purposeorpurposesforconsiderationthereofaccording to the rules and regulations of the society. The notice of the	The **Chief** National Commissioner or the National Executive Committee shall convene a special General Meeting in Consultation with the President to transact a particular purpose or purposes for consideration thereof according to the Rules and Regulations of the Society. The notice of the meeting along with the subject shall be sent to every member of

meeting along with the subject shall be sent to everymemberoftheNationalCounciltwentyonedays previoustothedateoftheSpecialGeneralMeeting.The notice shall be sent in the manner provided in the Bye- Law 5(a) (i).	the National Council twenty-one days previous to the date of the Special General Meeting. The notice shall be sent in the manner provided in the Bye-Law 5(a) (i).
6. Meeting of the National Executive Committee: (i) The Director shall send notice of the meeting of the National Executive Committee not lessthan twenty-one days before the date of the meeting; the notice shall specify the time, date and place of the meeting and the agenda for the meeting; the notice of the meeting shall be sent in the manner provided in Bye-Law 5, sub-clauses (a) (i) and (ii) above.	No change
7. Conduct of Elections: Election of President, Vice-President and National Commissioner: (i) The President, the Vice-President and the National Commissioner shall be elected by the National Council at an ordinary meeting. (ii) The Director shall send notice of the meeting together with the latest list of members of National Council not less than sixty days before the date of the election and calendar of	Election of President, Vice-President and **Chief** National Commissioner: There shall be an electoral college consisting of following for the election of President, Vice President and Chief National Commissioner. i. The President and the **Chief National Commissioner** shall be elected in the special meeting of electoral college at an ordinary meeting. **The Vice-President shall be elected by the electoral college of concern regional states through secret ballet.** ii. The Director shall send notice of the meeting together with the **latest list of number of votes and the list of delegates** not less than **thirty days** before the date of the election and calendar of events specifying the time, date, place of election. iii. Only a person eligible under the Rules shall be eligible to contest

events specifying the time date, place or election. (iii) Only a person eligible under the Rules shall be nominated for the office of the President or the Vice-Presidents of the National Commissioner. (iv) The nomination shall be made in Form-I (vide Appendix). (v) The proposer and seconder shall be members of the National Council. (vi) The nomination shall be signed by the proposer and the seconder and the candidate. (vii) A member may subscribe either as proposer or seconder only as many nominations as there are vacancies. (viii) The nomination shall reach the Director who shall be the Returning Officer, not less than thirty days before the date of the meeting. (ix) A nomination which is not in the prescribed form, or which does not reach the Director before the time and date prescribed or which is not signed by the proposer, or seconder or the candidate or which contains the name of a person as a candidate who is not eligible to be nominated to the office or of a person as proposer or seconder who is not eligible to propose or second shall be invalid. (x) The Director who is the Returning Officer shall scrutinise the nomination on the date appointed for scrutiny and declare nomination as valid or invalid. (xi) The Director shall prepare a list of valid nomination and publish it on the notice board of the National Headquarters, and send a copy to the contesting candidate for information. (xii) Any candidate may withdraw his candidature by written intimation signed by him and delivered to the Director either in person or by registered post within the time and date fixed for withdrawal. (xiii) On the expiry of the time and date fixed for withdrawal, the Director shall prepare a list of contesting candidates and publish it on the Notice Board of the National Headquarters.	for the office of the President or the Vice-Presidents or the **Chief** National Commissioner. iv. The nomination shall be made in Form-I (vide Appendix). v. **The proposer and seconder for nomination of contesting candidate for the office of President and Chief National Commissioner shall be from the members of the electoral collegeand in case of Vice President, members of the electoral collegeof the states from the concern region.** vi. The nomination shall be signed by the proposer and the seconder and the candidate. vii. A **delegate** may subscribe either as proposer or seconder only as many nominations as there are vacancies. viii. The nomination shall reach the Director on or before the time and date **as fixed by the Director.** ix. A nomination which is not in the prescribed form, or which does not reach the Director before the time and date prescribed or which is not signed by the proposer, or seconder or the candidate or which contains the name of a person as a candidate who is not eligible to be nominated to the office or of a person as proposer or seconder who is not eligible to propose or second shall be invalid. x. The Director who is the Returning Officer shall scrutinize the nomination on the date appointed for scrutiny and declare nomination as valid or invalid. xi. The Director shall prepare a list of valid nominations and publish it on the notice board of the National Headquarters, and send a copy to the contesting candidate for information **by email on the intimated email address.** xii. Any candidate may withdraw his candidature by written intimation signed by him and delivered to the Director either in person or by registered **post or email** within the time and date fixed for withdrawal. xiii. On the expiry of the time and date fixed for withdrawal, the Director shall prepare a list of contesting candidates and publish it on the Notice Board of the National Headquarters.

(xiv) If the numbers of candidates duly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies, the Director shall declare the candidates duly elected; if the number of candidates duly nominated is less than the numbers of vacancies, the Director shall declare the candidates duly elected and arrange for fresh election for the remainder of the vacancies and shall fix the time and dates for receipt of nomination scrutiny, withdrawal and poll, if necessary. (xv) If the number of duly nominated candidates is more than the number of vacancies, an election shall take place at the meeting of the National Council and the election shall be by secret ballot. (xvi) Every member shall have only one vote; where the number of vacancies is more than one, each member shall have as many votes as there are vacancies, provided, however, no member shall cast more than one vote for each candidate; no vote shall be given by proxy.	xiv. If the numbers of candidates duly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies, the Director shall declare the candidates duly elected; if the number of candidates duly nominated is less than the numbers of vacancies, the Director shall declare the candidates duly elected and arrange for fresh election for the remainder of the vacancies and shall fix the time and dates for receipt of nomination scrutiny, withdrawal and poll, if necessary. xv. If the number of duly nominated candidates is more than the number of vacancies, an election shall take place at the meeting of the National Council and the election shall be by secret ballot. (xvii) **Vote shall be cast by two representatives from each member association i.e. one authorized to cast vote on the basis of scout census and other authorized to cast vote on the basis of guide census as given in the rule book. The State Chief Commissioner may be one representative of the member association and may choose to cast vote of his member association either based on scout census or guide census.** **Note: Age limit for President and Chief National Commissioner**. **The President and the Chief National Commissioner shall cease to function as such after attaining the age of 70 years.**
(xviii) The Director shall send notice of the meeting together with the latest list of members of National	To be deleted

Council not less than sixty days before the date of the electionand calendar of events specifying the time date, place of election.	
(xix) Only a person eligible under the Rules shall be nominated for the office of the President or the Vice-Presidents or the NationalCommissioner.	To be deleted
(xx) The nomination shall be made in Form-1 (vide Appendix).	To be deleted
(xxi) The proposer and seconder shall be members of the NationalCouncil.	To be deleted
(xxii) The nomination shall be signed by the proposer and the seconder and thecandidate.	To be deleted
(xxiii) A member may subscribe either as proposer or seconder only as many nominations as thereare vacancies.	To be deleted
(xxiv) The nomination shall reach the Director who shall be the Returning Officer, not less than thirty days before the date of themeeting.	To be deleted
(xxv) Anominationwhichisnotintheprescribedform, or which does not reach the Director before the time and date prescribed or which is not signed by the proposer, or seconder or the candidate or whichcontainsthenameofapersonasacandidate whoisnoteligibletobenominatedtotheofficeor of a person as proposer or seconder who is not eligible to propose or second shall beinvalid.	To be deleted

(xxvi) The Director who is the Returning Officer shall scrutinize the nomination on the dateappointed for scrutiny and declare nomination as valid or invalid.	To be deleted
(xxvii) The Director shall prepare a list of valid nominationandpublishitonthenoticeboardof the National Headquarters, and send a copy to the contesting candidate forinformation.	To be deleted
(xxviii) Anycandidatemaywithdrawhiscandidatureby writtenintimationsignedbyhimanddeliveredto theDirectoreitherinpersonorbyregisteredpost withinthetimeanddatefixedforwith-drawal.	To be deleted
(xxix) On the expiry of the time and date fixed for withdrawal, the Director shall prepare a list of contesting candidates and publish it on the Notice Board of the NationalHeadquarters.	To be deleted
(xxx) If the numbers of candidates duly nominated is equaltothenumberofvacancies,theDirectorshall declare the candidates duly elected; if the number of candidates duly nominated is less than the numbers of vacancies, the Director shall declare the candidates duly elected and arrange for fresh electionfortheremainderofthevacanciesandshall fix the time and dates for receipt of nomination scrutiny, withdrawal and poll, ifnecessary.	To be deleted
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morethanthenumberofvacancies,anelection shall take place at the meeting of the National Councilandtheelectionshallbebysecretballot.	
(xxxii) Every member shall have only one vote; where the number of vacancies is more than one, each member shall have as many votes as there are vacancies, provided, however, no member shall cast more than one vote for each candidate; no vote shall be given byproxy.	To be deleted
(xxxiii) The ballot paper shall be in Form II (Vide Appendix) and shall contain the names of the candidates in the alphabeticalorder.	To be deleted
(xxxiv) Theballotpapershallbeartheofficialsealofthe NationalAssociationandinitialoftheReturning Officer on each Ballot Paper such of the Ballot Papers which do not bear the seal and initials are liable to berejected.	To be deleted
(xxxv) (a)TheNationalcouncilshallatitsannualMeeting decidethetimeandplaceduringwhichvotingshall takeplace,(b)Thememberwhoreceivestheballot paper shall cast his/her vote in a compartment provided for the purpose and put the seal 'x' provided for the purpose against the candidates choice and imburse ballot in the ballotBox.	No change
(xxxvi) On completion of the voting as fixed by a General Meeting the Returning officer with the Assistanceoftellersshallcountthevotesopenly before the candidates/Agents or the members present. The National	No change

Council shall nominate as many as required the tellers to assist the returning officer to count the votespolled.	
(xxxvii) A ballot paper shall be invalid: (a) if it is not in the prescribed form and does notbearthesealoftheNationalAssociation and initials of the Returning Officer;or	No change
(b) if it bears the signature of the voter or any mark by which the voter becomes recognisable; or	No change
(c) if it does not contain the seal 'x' mark against any candidate or if it contains the seal 'x' mark against more than one candidate, in case where only one person is to be elected or if it contains more seal 'x' marks than the number of candidates to be elected to the office;or	No change
(d) if it is not clear as to the person in whose favour the vote iscast.	No change
(xxxviii) A person who secures the highest number of votes shall be declared elected first and next highest number of votes obtained will be declared elected next if there are more than one vacancy.	No change
(xxxix) In the event of equality of votes, the decision shall be determined by drawal oflot.	No change
7. (2)(i)ElectionofPresident,Vice-Presidentand National Commissionerforthethirdandsubsequentconsecutive terms.	To be deleted
(ii) if the same person is nominated for the office of the	To be deleted

president or Vice President or National Commissioner for the third or any other consecutive terms, he shall be declared elected by simplemajority.	
8. Election of the National Executive Committee: (i) National Council shall elect from among the representatives of the State Association on the National Council, 25 members to the National Executive Committee, at least nine of whom shall be women;	**National Executive Committee(Governing body):** a. The Chief National Commissioner; b. **The Additional Chief National Commissioners,** c. The **Chief Commissioner of Scouts** d. **The Chief Commissioner of Guides** e. **The National Commissioners of Cub, Scouts and Rovers** f. **The National Commissioners of Bulbuls, Guides& Rangers** g. **The National Commissioner of Scout (Adult Resources))** h. **The National Commissioner of Guide (Adult Resources))** i. The International Commissioner of Scouts; j. The International Commissioner of Guides; k. **The Deputy National Commissioner of Cubs, Scouts,Rovers and Headquarters;** l. **The Deputy National Commissioner of Bulbul, Guide, Ranger and Headquarters;** m. **The Deputy International Commissioner of Scouts and Guides** n. The National Treasurer; o. All the National Commissioners of Scout (Headquarters) p. All the National Commissioners of Guides (Headquarters) q. **Regional Chief Commissioners** r. **All the State Chief Commissioners** s. **Two Financial Experts** t. **Advisors** u. The Director; v. The Joint Director (Support Services) w. The Joint Director of Scouts (Programme and Training); x. The Joint Director of Guides (Programme and Training);

	y. Chairperson and Co-chairperson of the National Youth Committee z. **One member of Indian Scout & Guide Fellowship to be co-opted in the National Executive Committee of the Bharat Scouts and Guides as may be nominated by President of Indian Scout & Guide Fellowship in consultation with the Chief National Commissioner.** aa. **All the Vice Presidents of the Bharat Scouts and Guides are to be invited as a special Invitee in the National Executive Committee Meeting.**
Provided,however,notmorethantwomembersoneof whom shall be a woman shall be elected from any one State Association. (ii) The Bye-law 7(i) (ii), (iv) to (xvi) shall apply to such election.	To be deleted To be deleted
(iii) The ballot paper shall contain the names of the contesting candidates in column (1) arranged in accordance with the States to which the Candidates belong, in the alphabetical order.	To be deleted
(iv) The Bye-law 7 (1) (xviii) to (xxi) shallapply.	To be deleted
(v) The first nine women candidates who securethe largest number of votes polled shall bedeclared elected.	To be deleted
The National Council shall elect 25 members to the National Executive Committee from among the representatives of the State Association on National Council out of which at least nine of whom shall be women not more than two Candidates shall be elected from the same state.	To be deleted
9. The National Treasurer:	This rule was already amended in 2014 annual general meeting but not incorporated in the Byelaws rules:

(i)	The National Executive Committee shall elect the National Treasurer from among the general members of theAssociation.	The National Treasurer shall be appointed by the Chief National Commissioner on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee and can be removed by a resolution of the National Executive Committee;
(ii)	The election of the National Treasurer shall take place at the first meeting of newly constituted National ExecutiveCommittee.	To be deleted
(iii)	The Chairman of the National Executive Committee shall call for nominations for the officeoftheNationalTreasurer;thenominations shall be made from the floor; there shall be a proposer and a seconder and if there is only onenominationthepersonnominatedshall be declared elected; if there are more than one nominationthenthereshallbeelectionbyballot and the person who secures the largestnumber of votes shall be declared elected.	To be deleted
10.	**Election of five members to the Finance Committee:** (i) The National Council shall, along with the election of the President, the Vice Presidents, National Commissioner and members of the National Executive Committee, elect five memberstotheFinanceCommitteefromamong the general members of the National Council,at least one of whom shall be awoman.	**The National Finance Committee:** **(1) The Chief National Commissioner in consultation with the President shall nominate six members with expertise in finance, audit, tax etc.** (2) The **National Treasurer** shall be the chairman and the **Director** shall be the Secretary of the Committee.

(ii) The Bye-laws applicable to the election of other office-bearers and members of the National Executive Committee shall apply with such modification as may benecessary.	To be deleted
(iii) Every member shall have as many as five votes each, but only one vote shall be cast in favourof one candidate.	To be deleted
(iv) Thefivecandidateswhosecurethehighestnumbers of votes shall be declared elected.	To be deleted
11. All Bye-Laws now in force for the conduct of meetings and elections except those expressly and byimplication repealed by the Bye-Laws 1 to 10 above shall continue to be in force until they are expressly altered, amended or annulled. [Approved at the Meeting of the National Council held at the ASSEMBLY HALL of the National Headquarters of the Bharat Scouts & Guides on 26th November, 2000.	**12.** All Bye-Laws now in force for the conduct of meetings and elections except those expressly and byimplication repealed by the Bye-Laws 1 to 10 above shall continue to be in force until they are expressly altered, amended or annulled. [Approved at the Meeting of the National Council held at the ASSEMBLY HALL of the National Headquarters of the Bharat Scouts & Guides on 24th November, 2019.