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CHAPTER 283.**SIERRA LEONE AMATEUR SPORTS COUNCIL.**

16 of 1955.

An Ordinance to Provide for the Establishment of a Council to Promote, Encourage, Develop and Control Amateur Sports in Sierra Leone and for Purposes Connected therewith.

[14TH NOVEMBER, 1955.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Sierra Leone Amateur Sports Council Ordinance.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“amateur” in relation to a sport or person taking part therein, means such a sport or person as is recognised to be of amateur status by the Sierra Leone Amateur Sports Council;

“the Council” means the Sierra Leone Amateur Sports Council established by section 3 of this Ordinance;

“employee” means any person employed by the Council;

“Regional Amateur Sports Association” means an association established or recognised under section 10 of this Ordinance.

PART I.—ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL.

3. There shall be established in Sierra Leone a Council to be called the Sierra Leone Amateur Sports Council. Establishment of the Council.

4. (1) The Council shall consist of the following members— Constitution of the Council.

(a) one representative nominated by the Sierra Leone Football Association;

(b) one representative nominated by the Sierra Leone Cricket League;

(c) one representative nominated by the Amateur Athletic Association;

(d) one representative nominated by the Sierra Leone Table Tennis Association;

(e) one representative nominated by any other body recognised by the Council, from time to time, as the controlling body of any amateur sport throughout Sierra Leone and affiliated to the Council under the provisions of section 9 of this Ordinance;

(f) the Officer Commanding Military Forces in Sierra Leone or his representative;

(g) the Commissioner of Police or his representative;

(h) the Director of Medical Services or his representative;

(i) the Director of Education or his representative;

(j) the Public Relations Officer or his representative;

(k) three persons, nominated by the Governor, of whom one shall represent the Northern Province, one the South-eastern Province and one the South-western Province:

Provided that when a Regional Amateur Sports Association is established or recognised for a region comprised within a Province, that Regional Amateur Sports Association, or Associations if there be more than one, shall nominate the person to represent that Province;

(l) two persons to be nominated by the Governor;

(m) such other persons, not exceeding eight in number, as the Council may by resolution nominate by reason of their being, in the opinion of the Council, persons whose membership of the Council is desirable in the interests of amateur sport.

(2) A member nominated to be a member of the Council because he represents a body controlling an amateur sport shall cease to be a member if it be resolved by the Council that he no longer represents a body controlling an amateur sport throughout Sierra Leone or if the Council has cancelled the affiliation of such body under the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 9 of this Ordinance.

Patrons and
Vice-
Patrons.

5. The Council may by resolution invite any person, whether resident in Sierra Leone or otherwise, to be a Patron or a Vice-Patron of the Council.

Incorporation
and seal of
the Council.

6. (1) The Council shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(2) The common seal of the Council shall not be used or affixed to any document save in pursuance of a resolution in that behalf passed at a duly constituted meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes of such meeting.

PART II.—POWERS AND PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL.

Powers of the
Council.

7. (1) The Council may, in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, do all things for the promotion, encouragement, development and control of amateur sport in Sierra Leone.

(2) In particular and without derogation of the powers conferred by the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section the Council may—

(a) enter into contracts and do all things necessary for, or incidental to, the purposes of this Ordinance;

(b) acquire and hold movable or immovable property and sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise deal with such property;

(c) maintain land and buildings for the practice of, or competition in, amateur sport and may admit the public thereto with or without charge;

(d) organise, hold, or assist, financially or otherwise, the holding of matches and competitions in amateur sport, whether between participants from Sierra Leone alone or between participants from Sierra Leone and other territories, and may provide or present trophies and prizes for the same and may prescribe rules under which such matches or competitions shall be held;

(e) assist, financially or otherwise, the participation of any Sierra Leone team, or person representing Sierra Leone, in the Olympic games, Empire games or other amateur contest held in or outside Sierra Leone;

(f) establish and maintain schools or similar institutions for the education of instructors or organisers for any form of amateur sport, physical culture or exercises ancillary to amateur sport;

(g) assist, financially or otherwise, the education of any person indigenous to Sierra Leone to fit him to be an instructor or organiser for any form of amateur sport, physical culture or exercises ancillary to amateur sport in Sierra Leone;

(h) assist, financially or otherwise, schools, clubs or other organisations devoted to amateur sport in matters related to amateur sport;

(i) affiliate with any amateur sports organisation outside Sierra Leone; and

(j) employ and remunerate such employees as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

8. (1) The Council may from time to time appoint from among the members thereof such committees as the Council shall think fit, and the Council may delegate to such committees such of its powers under the provisions of this Ordinance as the Council may specify.

Appointment
of
committees.

(2) Every question which comes before any such committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members thereof, and, in so far as the procedure at meetings of any such committee is not prescribed by the Council, the committee may regulate its own procedure.

9. (1) The Council may, upon the application of any body purporting to exist for the promotion, encouragement, development or control of an amateur sport in Sierra Leone and subject

Affiliation of
other bodies
to the
Council.

to any examination into the affairs of such body, including the arrangements for administering its financial affairs, which the Council may see fit to make, grant to such body the status of a body affiliated to the Council.

(2) Such fees shall be payable to the Council by bodies affiliated thereto as may be determined by the Council.

(3) Every body affiliated to the Council shall, as soon as may be after the first day of January in each year, furnish to the Council a copy of its annual accounts for the preceding year after such accounts have been audited and approved by the members of such body.

(4) The Council may, on being satisfied that it is in the interests of amateur sport in Sierra Leone that any body affiliated to the Council shall cease to be so affiliated, cancel such affiliation:

Provided that such cancellation shall be valid only after due enquiry by the Council, or by a Committee appointed under the provisions of section 8 of this Ordinance for the purpose of such enquiry, and in pursuance of a resolution in favour of such cancellation carried by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council.

Regional
Amateur
Sports Asso-
ciations.

10. The Council may, for the purposes of this Ordinance, divide Sierra Leone into regions, and may establish, or recognise, within such regions, associations of bodies affiliated to the Council under the provisions of section 9 of this Ordinance, and such associations shall be known as Regional Amateur Sports Associations.

Duties and
powers of
Regional
Amateur
Sports Asso-
ciations.

11. (1) It shall be the duty of every Regional Amateur Sports Association—

(a) to advise the Council on any matter on which advice may be sought by the Council; and

(b) in accordance with the provisions of the proviso to paragraph (k) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of this Ordinance, to nominate members to the Council.

(2) A Regional Amateur Sports Association may make a report or recommendation to the Council on any matter relevant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Election of
Officers and
meetings.

12. (1) The Council shall, as soon as is convenient after this Ordinance comes into operation, hold a special meeting at

Freetown and at such meeting shall elect a President, a vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Council to hold office until the first annual meeting.

(2) The Council shall, in the month of January in every year at Freetown or such other place as the Council may decide, hold an annual meeting and at such meeting shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Council to hold office until the next annual meeting.

(3) If a President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Council vacates his office before the completion of his term of office, the Council may elect a successor to hold office for the remainder of that term.

(4) Any person elected to hold office under this section shall be eligible for re-election.

(5) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (6) of this section, the Council shall meet at such other times as are appointed at the annual meeting.

(6) The President may, and on the request in writing of not less than six members of the Council shall, call a meeting of the Council on giving not less than 10 days' notice thereof.

(7) At every meeting of the Council the President, if present, shall preside, but in the event of his absence or a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President, if present, shall preside. If there is no Vice-President, or in the absence thereof, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.

(8) Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, every matter which comes before the Council at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

(9) Minutes of the proceedings of every meeting shall be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and minutes of proceedings shall, after approval by the Council, be signed at the next ensuing meeting by the member presiding thereat.

(10) The member lawfully presiding at any meeting of the Council shall have a vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.

(11) Five members of the Council, at any one time, shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Council.

Standing
Orders.

13. (1) The Council may from time to time make Standing Orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to regulate the proceedings of the Council and of any committee of the Council appointed under the provisions of section 8 of this Ordinance.

(2) The Standing Orders for the time being in force shall be followed and observed by the Council and any committee of the Council.

PART III.—FINANCE.

Funds of the
Council.

14. (1) The funds of the Council shall include—

(a) all moneys raised for the general purposes of the Council;

(b) all moneys accruing to the Council by way of endowment, grant, donation or otherwise;

(c) all charges or fees received by the Council;

(d) all interest on moneys invested by the Council.

(2) The funds of the Council shall be applied by the Council to the accomplishment of the purposes of this Ordinance.

Payment into
bank.

15. All sums of money received on account of the Council shall be paid into such bank or banks as may be approved by the Council to the credit of the Council's general current or deposit account:

Provided that nothing contained herein shall prevent the investment of funds by the Council.

Duties of
Treasurer.

16. The Treasurer shall be responsible to the Council for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys accruing to the Council under the provisions of this Ordinance, and for the proper accounting therefor.

Finance
Committee.

17. (1) The Council shall appoint a Finance Committee consisting of a Chairman appointed by the Council, the Treasurer and three members of the Council who shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section—

(a) authorise all payments to be made by the Treasurer;

(b) prepare and submit, for the approval of the Council, estimates of revenue and expenditure for each financial year.

(2) The Finance Committee, appointed under the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section, shall not, without the prior approval of the Council, authorise any expenditure not provided for in the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the financial year in respect of which the expenditure is to be made.

18. (1) The Council shall cause to be prepared not later than the 31st day of May in each year— Accounts and audit.

(a) a statement showing in detail the items of income and expenditure and the profit or loss of the Council for the year ending on the 31st day of March immediately preceding; and

(b) a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Council existing on the 31st day of March immediately preceding.

(2) Such statements shall be audited and published in such manner as the Council shall direct.

(3) The auditors shall be elected annually by the Council but shall be eligible for re-election.

19. (1) All real and personal property, assets and rights vested immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance in the body known as the Sierra Leone Sports Committee, shall, by virtue of this sub-section, vest in the Council without further assurance at the date of the commencement of this Ordinance. Vesting of property, rights and liabilities.

(2) The Council shall, by virtue of this section, be subject to all the liabilities to which the said Sierra Leone Sports Committee was subject at the date of commencement of this Ordinance.

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