

# **THE SQUASH RACKETS FEDERATION OF INDIA**

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO SANCTIONED AND UNSANCTIONED EVENTS**

## REGULATIONS RELATING TO UNSANCTIONED EVENTS AND TO OBTAIN NO-OBJECTION CERTIFICATES FOR SANCTIONED EVENTS:

### A Introduction

1. SRFI has adopted these Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events within the Federations's jurisdiction. These *Regulations therefore*:
  - 1.1 establish a procedure for an *Event* organiser to apply to SRFI to sanction that *Event*
  - 1.2 prohibit *Athletes* and other organisations and individuals under the jurisdiction of SRFI participating in *Unsanctioned Events*;
  - 1.3 establish a procedure for an *Athlete* whose *Home National Association* is SRFI to apply to SRFI for a *No-Objection Certificate* confirming that SRFI has no objection to the *Athlete* participating in an *Event* organised or sanctioned by any other *National Association / Federation*;
  - 1.4 prohibit an *Athlete* whose *Home National Association* is SRFI participating in an *Event* organised or sanctioned by any other *National Association/ Federation* unless the *Athlete* has first obtained a *No-Objection Certificate* from SRFI ; and
  - 1.5 prohibit participation in an *Event* organised or sanctioned by SRFI by an *Athlete* whose *Home National Association* is not SRFI unless that *Athlete* has first obtained a *No-Objection Certificate* from his/her *Home National Association*.
2. Words appearing in italics bear the meaning given to them in the appendix to these regulations. The purpose and object of these regulations is to protect and advance the fundamental sporting imperatives set out in SRFI Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned events. In the interpretation and application of these regulations, an interpretation/application that promotes the purpose and object of these regulations is to be preferred to an interpretation/application that does not promote that purpose and object. Words and phrases in italicised text are defined terms that have the meaning set out in the Appendix to these *Regulations*.
3. This version of these *Regulations* come s into force as of 19.05.2018. These *Regulations* shall not have retrospective effect. Instead, the regulations that were in effect prior to the *Effective Date* shall apply in respect of any acts or omissions occurring prior to the *Effective Date*.
4. These *Regulations* may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time by the SRFI Executive Committee, and / or it may issue further guidance as to their operation and implementation, as it seems fit.

### B. Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events

1. Prohibition on participating in *Unsanctioned Events*:
  - 1.1 Organisations or individuals (including *Athletes*, technical officials, Referees, coaching or management staff) under SRFI jurisdiction may not participate in any manner in any *Unsanctioned Event*.
  - 1.2 Any *Athlete* or other individual under SRFI jurisdiction who is found to have participated in an *Unsanctioned Event*:
    - 1.2.1 is automatically ineligible for twelve months thereafter to participate in any capacity in any *International Event*:
      - a. Such *Athlete* or other individual may apply to the SRFI

*Disciplinary Committee* for a waiver of all or part of this period of ineligibility for good cause shown, provided that the circumstances will have to be exceptional to justify such waiver.

b. During the period of ineligibility, the *Athlete/other* individual may not be selected to participate in any capacity in an *International Event*, and any selection made despite this prohibition may be declined by the SRFI or other event organiser.

1.2.2. may have disciplinary consequences imposed upon him or her under the SRFI Grievance Redressal Committee for such breach of clause B.1.1, including (if seen fit) being ruled ineligible to participate in any capacity in *Sanctioned Events* for a period of up to 12 months (first offence) or more (subsequent offences).

1.3 SRFI will recognise and give effect within its own jurisdiction to any restriction, exclusion or ineligibility imposed by another *National Association* on an organisation or individual under that *National Association's* jurisdiction for participating in an *Unsanctioned Event*.

1.4 It is a condition of eligibility for any organisation or individual from another *National Association* wishing to participate in any *Event* under SRFI jurisdiction that the organisation or individual in question has not participated in any *Unsanctioned Event* in the twelve months prior to the *Event* in question.

## 2. Applying to SRFI to sanction an *Event*:

2.1 In accordance with the SRFI Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned events, any *Event* of or affiliated to SRFI and that would be staged entirely within India, must be either organised or sanctioned by SRFI

2.2 Anyone wishing to organise an *Event* that falls within the scope of Clause B.2.1 and therefore requires the express sanction of SRFI must submit a written application by hand or by post [or by email] to the following address:

**For the attention of :**  
**The Secretary General**  
**The Squash Rackets Federation of India**  
**Khivraj Complex II, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**480, Anna Salai, Nandanam**  
**Chennai – 600 035**  
**Email: [squashsecretariate@gmail.com](mailto:squashsecretariate@gmail.com)**

2.3 The application must be submitted as soon as possible after the details of the proposed *Event* are known and must include the following information:

2.3.1 The name and address and (if applicable) company registration number of the applicant (which must be the organiser of the proposed *Event*).

2.3.2 The proposed name, venue(s), date(s) and format of, the proposed participants in, and the proposed technical officials and Referees for, the proposed *Event*.

2.3.3 A binding, unqualified and unconditional commitment by the organiser to stage the *Event* in accordance with and subject to all applicable regulations of the SRFI, and to be accountable to SRFI for applying and enforcing those regulations in relation to all participants in the *Event*.

2.3.4 A detailed explanation of:

- a. The extent to which the proposed *Event* will contribute to the maintenance and promotion of the health, safety and welfare of *Athletes*, including by the prevention of overplaying (*Athletes* must have adequate time to rest and recover, as well as train, between *Events*).
  - b. How the organiser will ensure the safety and suitability of the venue(s) intended to be used for the proposed *Event*.
  - c. The extent to which the proposed *Event* may be accommodated within the existing calendar of *Events* without conflicting with or otherwise compromising (i) *Events* already in the calendar, and/or (ii) any commitments that SRFI has made to any commercial partner(s).
  - d. The extent to which the proposed *Event* would have any meaningful role in the promotion and development of the sport or any other charitable or benevolent purpose.
  - h. Any other factor that the organiser would like SRFI to take into consideration.
- 2.4 SRFI may ask the applicant for any further information about the proposed *Event* that it considers relevant, and may delay further consideration of the application until that information is received.
- 2.5 SRFI will send written notice of its decision in relation to the application to the organiser at the address specified in the application. The application may be granted or denied, or granted conditionally. In particular (but without limitation), SRFI may specify that particular *Events* must be played in accordance with and subject to SRFI compliant codes of conduct, anti-corruption rules, anti-doping rules and/or other rules or regulations. Where an application is granted conditionally, the proposed *Event* shall not be deemed sanctioned unless and until SRFI confirms in writing that the organiser has demonstrated to the satisfaction of SRFI that all of the conditions have been met.
- 2.6 An application for sanction made pursuant to this clause B.2 may not be deemed approved unless and until written notice is received from SRFI that the *Event* is sanctioned and (if applicable) that any relevant conditions have been satisfied. The *Event* organiser should not issue any formal invitations to participate in the *Event* until such notice is received.
- 2.7 Any sanction granted by SRFI pursuant to this clause B.2 shall amount solely to recognition of the *Event* as a *Sanctioned Event*, and shall not amount to or be construed as approval by SRFI of any of the safety or security or other arrangements for the *Event*. Instead, those arrangements shall remain the sole responsibility of the *Event* organiser.
- 2.8 If a proposed *Event* requires SRFI's sanction under clause B.2.1[, falls outside the scope of clause B.2.2,] and the *Event* organiser fails to obtain SRFI's sanction for the *Event* in accordance with clause B.2.7, then for purposes of these regulations the event shall be an *Unsanctioned Event*.
- 2.9 SRFI will include details of all *Events* that it has sanctioned in its official fixture calendar posted on its official website, and will update that calendar regularly to ensure that it includes details of all *Sanctioned Events*. In the event of any uncertainty as to whether or not an *Event* is a *Sanctioned Event* or an *Unsanctioned Event*, clarification should be sought from SRFI at the address set out at clause B.2.3.
- 2.10 Subject only to the right of review reserved by the SRFI to itself under the

SRFI Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, SRFI's decision on an application for sanction of a proposed *Event* pursuant to these regulations shall be final and binding on all parties.

## **C. No-Objection Certificates**

1. Prohibition on participating in certain *Events* without a *No-Objection Certificate*:
  - 1.1 An *Athlete* whose *Home National Association* is not SRFI may not participate in an *Event* organised or sanctioned by SRFI unless such *Athlete* holds a valid *No-Objection Certificate* from his/her *Home National Association* for that *Event*.
  - 1.2 An organiser of an *Event* sanctioned by SRFI may not permit an *Athlete* whose *Home National Association* is not SRFI to play in that *Event* without a *No-Objection Certificate*.
  - 1.3 An *Athlete* whose *Home National Association* is SRFI who wishes to participate in an *Event* organised or sanctioned by another *National Association* must obtain a *No-Objection Certificate* from SRFI in respect of that *Event*.
  - 1.4 An *Athlete* who fails to comply with clause C.1.3 may not participate in the *Event* in question.
  - 1.5 A failure to comply with this clause may result in the bringing of disciplinary proceedings and the imposition of disciplinary consequences on the *Athlete* in question under SRFI Disputes and Grievance Redressal Committee.
2. Obtaining a *No-Objection Certificate* from SRFI
  - 2.1 SRFI may from time to time issue a notice identifying *Athletes* and/or categories of *Athletes* who are deemed to have been given a *No-Objection Certificate* by SRFI to participate in some or all *Events* organised or sanctioned by other *National Associations*.
  - 2.2 Any other *Athlete* whose *Home National Association* is SRFI who wishes to participate in one or more *Events* organised or sanctioned by another *National Association* must submit a written application for a *No-Objection Certificate* by hand or by post [or by email] to the following address:

**The Secretary General**  
**The Squash Rackets Federation of India**  
**Khivraj Complex II, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**480, Anna Salai, Nandanam**  
**Chennai – 600 035**  
**Email: [squashsecretariate@gmail.com](mailto:squashsecretariate@gmail.com)**
  - 2.3 The written application must be submitted as soon as possible and must include the following information:
    - 2.3.1 The name and address and contact details (phone number, email address) of the *Athlete*.
    - 2.3.2 The name, date(s) and format of each *Event* organised or sanctioned by another *National Association* in which the *Athlete* wishes to participate.
    - 2.3.3 Details of the country(ies) on whose behalf the *Athlete* would be participating in the *Event(s)*, including the name of and contact details of the team manager/coach.

- 2.3.4 Confirmation that as far as the *Athlete* is aware, his/her participation in the *Event(s)* would not clash with any commitments that he/she has made to any *National Representative Team*.
- 2.4 SRFI may ask the *Athlete* for any further information about the proposed *Event* that it considers relevant, and may delay further consideration of the *Athlete's* application until that information is received.
- 2.5 SRFI will send written notice of its decision in relation to the application to the *Athlete* at the address specified in the application. The application may be granted or denied, or granted conditionally. In particular (but without limitation), SRFI may agree to the *Athlete's* participation in parts of an *Event* as long as he/she is released from other parts of the *Event* for specified periods so that he/she can train/prepare for and/or participate in other *Events* as part of his/her *National Representative Team*.
- 2.6 An application for a *No-Objection Certificate* made pursuant to this clause C.2 may not be deemed granted unless and until written notice is received from SRFI to that effect.
- 2.7 The SRFI's decision on an application for a *No-Objection Certificate* pursuant to these regulations shall be final and binding on all parties.
- 2.8 For the avoidance of doubt, the prohibition on participation in an *Unsanctioned Event* means that a *No-Objection Certificate* will not in any circumstances be issued in respect of participation in an *Unsanctioned Event*.

## APPENDIX - DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

For the purpose of these *Regulations* the following words and expressions have the meanings set out opposite them:

<b><i>Athlete</i></b>	:	Any person competing in a squash event sanctioned by the WSF, ASF and / or National Association.
<b><i>Event</i></b>	:	This will include but not limited to all championships Leagues, Refereeing and Coaching camps / clinics / workshops involving Indian citizens or foreign citizens conducted by State Associations / NGOs / Companies / Clubs/ Colleges/Schools or by individuals.
<b><i>Effective Date</i></b>	:	As defined in Clause A.3.
<b><i>SRFI</i></b>	:	The Squash Rackets Federation of India
<b><i>SRFI Disciplinary Committee</i></b>	:	The Committee appointed by SRFI
<b><i>Home National Association</i></b>	:	The <i>National Association</i> for whose <i>National Representative Team</i> the <i>Athlete</i> in question plays or last played or (if he/she has not yet played for any <i>National Representative Team</i> ) is qualified to play.  <b><i>Explanatory note:</i></b> <i>If the Athlete is eligible to play for the National Representative Team of more than one National Association, but has not yet played for any of them, he/she must designate one of those National Associations for purposes of these regulations, and that will be the National Association from whom a No- Objection Certificate must be obtained to allow him/her to play in Events organised by another National Association.</i>
<b><i>International Event</i></b>	:	An <i>Event</i> in which <i>National Representative Teams</i> compete, including (without limitation) <i>Events</i> staged as part of a multi-sport event such as the Asian Games / Commonwealth Games, PanAmerican Games and European Championships.
<b><i>National Association / NA</i></b>	:	A national governing body of SRFI that has been admitted as a member of the <i>WSF</i> .
<b><i>National Representative Team</i></b>	:	Players selected to represent a <i>National Association</i> , including age-group, individual / team events.
<b><i>No-objection Certificate</i></b>	:	A document issued by an <i>Athlete's Home National Association</i> , certifying that it has no objection to his/her participation in an <i>Event</i> organised or sanctioned by another <i>National Association</i> .
<b><i>Regulations</i></b>	:	These <i>Regulations</i> on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned <i>Events</i> .
<b><i>Sanctioned Event</i></b>	:	Any <i>Event</i> organised or sanctioned by the SRFI in accordance with SRFI <i>Regulations</i> on Sanctioned and unsanctioned <i>Events</i> , including any <i>Event</i> organised or sanctioned by SRFI pursuant to clause B.2.
<b><i>Unsanctioned Event</i></b>	:	Any <i>Event</i> that is not a <i>Sanctioned Event</i> .