



# CONSTITUTION

1. **NAME**

**“SRI LANKA RACING DRIVERS’ ASSOCIATION”**

2. **REGISTERED OFFICE**

The Registered Office of the Association shall be situated at No. 26C/1, Alwis Place, Colombo 3.

3. **LOGO:**

The Logo of this Association shall be as shown on front cover of this Constitution.

4. **OBJECTIVES**

The Sri Lanka Racing Drivers’ Association is an Association that consists of competitors participating in Sri Lankan motor racing events who holds National Racing License issued by Sri Lanka Automobile Sports. The aims and objectives of the Association hereinafter referred to as “the objects” are to:

Encourage the sport of motor racing and to promote the spirit of sportsmanship and good fellowship amongst Racing Drivers.

To safeguard the interests and cost effective racing of its members who are Racing Drivers taking part in motor races or competitions in Sri Lanka.

To facilitate any additional benefits that can be offered for the Racing Drivers at Race Meets through Organizers or Sponsors.

To act as a united body to solve/resolve any unreasonable or unfair decisions implemented by any authority which are affecting majority of Racing Drivers.

Encourage and Educate Racing Drivers the importance of adhering to proper safety standards.

Getting formal recognition by SLAS/ Clubs/ The Sports Ministry as well as representation and voting rights on the Council.

Working with SLAS to improve standards overall - from organization, to facilities provided at the track and better racing track conditions.

5. **MEMBERSHIP**

**Qualification requirements:**

1. Any person who possesses a valid National Racing License issued by the governing body of motorsport in Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Automobile Sports (SLAS).
2. Applicant should have participated in a SLAS-sanctioned race within the previous 2 years from application date.
3. Committee members should have participated in a minimum of 3 races within a race calendar year from nomination to the committee via class/ class associations.

**Committee Members:** Two drivers nominated by each racing class/class association will have the right to hold office and to vote, subject to the above qualifications being fulfilled.

**Working Committee:** will be elected by the committee members at the Annual General Meeting held annually.

**Membership:** Candidates for election to the committee shall make written application to the Hon. Secretary of the Association on the form provided by the General Committee. New membership will be by application only.

**Renewal of Membership:** The Working Committee may decline to accept renewal of membership, from any person, after holding an inquiry and disclosing the decision.

## **6. ENTRANCE FEE**

Each applicant for membership shall, if his/her application be accepted, pay a membership fee of Rs.2,500/- (RUPEES TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED), the amount of which was accepted by the members in a General Meeting.

## **7. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

An annual subscription, the amount that was determine by the Committee Members at the Annual General meeting (AGM), shall be payable by the members on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January of each year. Any member who fails to pay the annual subscription will deem to have resigned from the Association.

## **8. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- a. Any Member whose National Racing License is Expired or Not Renewed for a Period of One Year.
- b. Membership automatically ceases if subscription is unpaid.
- c. Any member who fails to compete in any race meets during 2 calendar years.
- d. Any committee member who fails to compete in any 3 race meets during a calendar year.
- e. Members may resign by informing the Hon. Secretary in writing.
- f. Members with any disciplinary action taken by SLAS within the given year will have their membership revoked.

## **9. WORKING COMMITTEE**

### **Working Committee**

The General management Committee elected at the Annual General meeting consisting of the following:

- i. Hon. President
- ii. Hon. Vice President
- iii. Hon. Secretary
- iv. Hon. Asst. Secretary
- v. Hon. Treasurer
- vi. Hon. Asst. Treasurer
- vii. Two Representatives from Each Class

Should any officer resign during his term of office or a member of the Committee cease to be a member, the vacancies so occasioned may be filled by general members until the next AGM.

**Management:** all business and affairs of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the office bearing committee members.

**Quorum:** The Working Committee shall consist of the President, Hon. Vice President Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer and assistance.

**Nominations:** The nominations for the position of President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and other office bearers shall be put forward in the form of a motion for discussion at the Annual General Meetings and shall be lodged with the Hon Secretary at least 7 days preceding the AGM, and be signed by Two (2) members entitled to vote.

The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election.

**Election of Committee:** The Committee Members shall hold office for an initial period of one (1) year and shall be eligible for re- election annually at the AGM. If there shall be more nominations than required to fill the positions there shall be an election by vote. Every member of the Association who is present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote in respect of the election of each Officer.

## **10. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE AND ITS OFFICERS**

### **Working Committee:**

- i. The Working Committee is responsible for the general conduct of the Association's day to day activities.
- ii. The Working Committee shall meet at regular intervals at least once a month during the year.

The Management and Finance of the Association shall be vested in the Committee who shall exercise all such powers and do all such acts they are entitled to exercise as specified and approved by a majority of voting members at a general meeting.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred or implied in the last preceding rule it is expressly declared that the committee shall be entrusted with and may exercise and perform the following powers and duties.

1. Employ staff and engage the services of appropriate people and organizations to assist and advise the Association.
2. Join, contract, engage or make arrangements with any other person or organization.
3. Discipline its members, office bearers, and/or other appointed or elected persons who may be associated with or part of the Association.

4. Establish sub-committees and delegate such powers as it deems appropriate to these committees.
5. Determined and established policies and procedures to effectively administer the Association.
6. Acquire, lease, sell, dispose of, or otherwise deal with facilities, financial instruments, property and other such assets as and when required.
7. Register and license individuals, clubs and organizations to participate competitions and events for motor sport.
8. Association may not however borrow money without the prior approval of Members of the Association, following a vote taken at a Special general Meeting.
9. Do any other acts or procedures which appear appropriate, to further the objects of the Association.

#### **Hon President**

- i. To guide and supervise the activities of the Association in accordance with its role and general policy as expressed by the majority of its members.
- ii. To attend and preside at all Meetings of the Association and all meetings of the General Committee.
- iii. To do and perform such lawful duties as may usually pertain to the office of President.
- iv. To exercise a deliberate vote and in the case equality of voting cast a vote.

#### **Hon Secretary**

- i. The Hon Secretary will be responsible for the organization of meetings of the General Committee and of the Association.
- ii. To attend all such meetings and record of minutes and all correspondence relating to the general business of the Association.
- iii. To do and perform such lawful duties as may usually pertain to the Office of Secretary.

#### **Hon Treasurer**

- i. The Hon Treasurer responsible for the collection of all monies and issue receipts for such monies and for all legacies, donations or other monies are be requested, made or given to the Association.
- ii. Keep such books of accounts as required by the General Meeting. He/she shall have the power to examine, after giving one week's notice, the books of any section, and shall report any discrepancies to the Working Committee.
- iii. Audit the books of each section annually and shall produce at the AGM balance sheets showing the financial state of each section and of the General funds, accompanied by the Hon Auditor's report.

- iv. Present to all members audited accounts such as P&L, Balance Sheet certified by Auditors.
- v. To do and perform such lawful duties as may usually pertain to the Office of Treasurer.

## **11. COMPLAINTS**

If any members have a complaint against any Committee member of the Association he or she shall inform the secretary in writing and the committee has the soled power to deal with and take disciplinary action against such employee. The decision of the committee is final and binding on the Association.

The decision of the committee on any issue shall be final and binding on all members of the Association.

## **12. MEETINGS**

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the 31st of March of every year. At least thirty (30) days' notice of such meeting shall be given to all members of the Association either by means of email, whatsapp or post.

The Financial Accounts shall be approved by a majority of members qualified to vote and voting is final and binding on all members as to the facts contained therein.

Voting shall be by means of show of hand and no member shall be entitled to speak or vote unless all monies owed to the Association by him/her are paid.

The ruling of the President upon any matter arising at such a meeting is final and binding on all members provided it is not inconsistent with these rules or any by laws or regulations passed by the committees.

The quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be 51%. In the event of their not being a quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date not more than fourteen (14) days later but not less than seven (7) days.

The business of the AGM shall be:

- i. The adoption of the minutes of the last AGM.
- ii. The adoption of the Annual Report as signed by the President and the balance Sheet as signed by the Treasurer.
- iii. The election of the Offices of the Association as herein before provided.
- iv. The fixing of the membership subscription for the current financial year and any other annual charges or levies on members.
- v. Any other Business.

## **Special General Meetings**

The committee may call a Special General Meeting to discuss a particular matter or matters. The notice convening such a meeting shall state the time and place of the meeting and the matter/s to be discussed.

A special/ Urgent meeting could be conducted via WhatsApp or conference call within the working committee or members committee.

The quorum and provisions for postponement shall be as for an AGM.

## **Committee Meetings (General Meeting)**

General Committee meeting shall be held at least once in three months to discuss Association business, affairs and activities.

Every member of the Committee shall receive at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice.

Each member of the Committee shall have one vote and the President shall have a deliberate or casting vote.

A quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be 51%.

## **13. LIABILITY**

The Association at no point will get involved in any driver to driver/ driver & Class Association and Club incidents on or off track.

The Working Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association. Financial or legal liability incurred in the frightful exercise of their office shall not, however, be the personal liability of the Committee, but shall be the responsibility of the Association as a whole.

All members or other persons who attend Club and Association meets do so at their own risk and neither the Association nor its officers can expect any liability for any loss or injury of any kind sustained at a Club/ Association meet or other activity.

The Committee shall not be liable for the acts or omissions nor responsible for any losses consequent to accidents or other similar incidents occur at race venues.

## **14. VOTING**

- a. All duly paid up Full members of the Association shall have one vote each at all General Meetings.
- b. At all meetings except general meetings, voting shall be by show of hands or if requested by majority of those present, by secret ballot.
- c. At a vote made on a class specified matter among the committee members, the working committee would be abstained from voting.
- d. On specific/ urgent matters a vote can be made via WhatsApp on the working committee or members committee groups.

## **15. AMMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be replaced, altered, rescinded, added to or amended at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting duly called for that purpose, or by a resolution to that effect passed by at least 100% of the members present at the General Meeting, and voting on this behalf.

The President shall have a casting vote only.

## **16. AUDITOR**

An Auditor who shall be a qualified Accountant, but not a member of the Association may be appointed by the General Committee at every AGM and it shall be his/her duty to examine the Balance Sheet, and the income and expenditure accounts and all other accounts, receipts statements and records relating thereto and to report the result of his examination to the AGM.

## **17. TERMINATION**

The Association shall not terminate except by a resolution of a Special general Meeting convened for the purpose and, in such an event, any surplus assets shall be handed over to a body or bodies with similar objects or to a charity or charities agreed by the Meeting which formally terminates the Association.

## **18. POWER OF DECISION**

Any matter not provided for on this Constitution, or any question over the interpretation of it, shall be dealt with by the General Committee whose decision shall be final.