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## **The National Council of Sports Regulations, 2014.**

*(Under section 10 of the National Council of Sports Act, Cap. 48)*

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister by section 10 of the National Council of Sports Act, these Regulations are made this 3rd day of April, 2014.

### PART I—PRELIMINARY

#### **1. Title.**

These Regulations may be cited as the National Council of Sports Regulations, 2014.

#### **2. Interpretation.**

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the National Council of Sports Act;

“council” means the National Council of Sports established under section 2 of the Act;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for sports.

### PART II—INCORPORATION AND REGISTRATION OF NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

#### **3. Incorporation of a national sports association.**

(1) Every national sports association shall be incorporated in accordance with the laws of Uganda.

(2) A “national sports association” means an organization promoting and supervising a particular sport throughout the country and includes a federation.

(3) For the purposes of sub regulation (2), the council shall, in determining whether a national association is present throughout the country, take into account—

- (a) the nature of the sport;
- (b) the popularity of the sport;
- (c) the presence of facilities to play the sport;
- (d) the plan of the association to promote the sport; and
- (e) any other relevant factor.

**4. Registration of national sports associations.**

(1) Every national sports association shall be registered with the council.

(2) The council shall not register a national sports association unless that association meets the requirements of a national sports association specified in regulation 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

(3) The council shall not register more than one national sports association in respect of each sport in Uganda.

(4) The council shall not register a national association which is incorporated as a company.

(5) An application to register a national sports association shall be in Form A in the Schedule.

**5. Register of members.**

(1) Every national association shall maintain a register of all persons who are members of the association.

(2) A recognized national association shall at the beginning of each calendar year transmit a copy of the register of its members to the council.

**6. Governance structure.**

(1) Subject to sub regulation (2), every national sports association shall have—

- (a) a general assembly;
- (b) an executive committee;
- (c) a chairperson or president; and
- (d) a general secretary or secretary.

(2) A national association affiliated or recognized by an international body governing a particular sport may in accordance with the rules prescribed by that body have a different governance structure from the one specified in this regulation.

(3) Every person involved in the governance of a national association shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the instruments constituting the association or in accordance with the international rules governing the sport.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation and regulation 7, a person involved in the governance of a national association means a member of the general assembly or executive committee, the chairpersons or president, the general secretary or secretary of the association.

**7. Qualifications for participation in governance of a national sports association.**

(1) A person shall not hold an executive office of a national association unless that person—

- (a) has participated in the sport or been involved in the administration of the sport; and
- (b) is a citizen of Uganda.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation a person has—

(a) participated in a sport if that person has played or participated in the sport in school, at the district, regional, national or international level;

(b) been in the administration of a sport if that person has been involved in the management or running of the sport at a level recognized by the council.

(3) A person shall not hold an executive office or be involved, concurrently, in the governance of more than two national associations.

**8. Members and staff of the council not to be members or promoters of national associations.**

(1) A member of the council, an officer, member of staff of the council or the ministry responsible for sports shall not be a member of a national sports association.

(2) A member of the council, an officer or member of staff of the council shall not promote the incorporation or registration of a national sports association.

**PART III—RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**9. Recognition of national sports associations by the council.**

(1) The council shall recognize the national association registered by the council as the national association in respect of the particular sport.

(2) The council shall not recognize more than one national association for each sport in Uganda.

(3) The council shall issue a certificate of recognition to every national sports association recognized by the council.

(4) The certificate of recognition shall be in Form B in the Schedule.

**10. Publication of list of recognized national sports associations.**

The council shall at least once every year by notice in the Gazette and at least two newspapers of nationwide circulation publish a list of the national sports associations recognized by the council.

**11. Improper use of “Uganda” by sports association.**

(1) A sports association which is not recognized by the council shall not use or refer to itself using “Uganda”.

(2) The council shall by notice in the Gazette and at least two newspapers of wide national circulation publish the names of the sports association or person improperly using “Uganda”.

(3) A person who uses “Uganda” improperly or in contravention of this regulation commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding six months.

**12. Withdrawal of recognition.**

(1) The council may withdraw its recognition from a national sports association where—

- (a) the international body governing the sport suspends the association or withdraws its recognition from the association;
- (b) the association ceases to meet the requirements of a national sports association specified in these Regulations.

(2) Notwithstanding sub regulation (1), the council shall not withdraw its recognition of a national association on any of the following reasons—

- (a) failure to pay subscription fees to the international organization to which the association is affiliated;
- (b) failure to participate in international competitions due to financial constraints.

(3) Where the council ceases to recognize a national sports association, the council shall notify the association in writing and shall give public notice in the Gazette and at least two newspapers with nationwide circulation.

#### PART IV—SPORTS COMPETITIONS

##### **13. National sports competitions.**

(1) A recognized national sports association may organise international or national competitions in the sport for which the association is recognized.

(2) The council shall not recognize any national or international competition organized by an association which is not the recognized national sports association in respect of that sport.

(3) A national sports association shall issues clear rules and regulations regarding the participation and involvement of any person or club in a competition organized by the association.

##### **14. Other competitions.**

A recognized national sports association may organise any other competition in the sport for which the association is recognized.

#### PART V—FUNDING

##### **15. Funding.**

The council or the ministry responsible for sports shall not fund or support an association which is not recognized by the council.

##### **16. Disclosure of sources of funding.**

Every national association shall submit to the council annually, a statement of all the sources of funding of the association, including donations and grants.



**PART VI—NATIONAL FORUM OF SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS**

**17. National Forum of Sports Associations.**

(1) There is established a National Forum of Sports Associations.

(2) The Forum shall be constituted by the council and shall be made up of the following—

- (a) the President or chairperson of a recognized national sports association;
- (b) the Secretary or General Secretary of a recognized national sports association;
- (c) the Commissioner for Sports;
- (d) the General Secretary of the council.

(3) The functions of the Forum are-

- (a) to recommend to the Minister strategies for promoting and developing sports;
- (b) to attract and solicit funding and partnerships for sports;
- (c) to advise the Minister on the nature of assistance and support to be given to a national sports association representing Uganda abroad;
- (d) to assist the council in branding sports in the country.

(4) The council shall convene a meeting of the Forum at least once every three months.

(5) The Forum shall be chaired by the Minister.

PART VII—MISCELLANEOUS

**18. Accounts.**

(1) Every recognized national association shall keep proper and audited books of accounts of all the income and expenditure of the association and the records relating to the accounts.

(2) A copy of the audited books of account shall be submitted to the council annually.

**19. Access to sports facilities.**

(1) Every national association shall have access to sports facilities owned or managed by the council in accordance with a schedule drawn up by the council.

(2) The council shall draw up the schedule for use of the sports facilities referred to in sub regulation (1) after consulting the registered national associations.

(3) The council may charge a nominal fee for the use of a sports facility.

PART VIII—TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

**20. Existing national sports associations.**

(1) A national sports association existing immediately before the commencement of these Regulations shall apply to the council for registration within six months from the commencement of these Regulations.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt a national sports association existing immediately before the commencement of these Regulations which does not apply for registration within the time specified in sub regulation shall not be recognized as a national sports association for the purposes of the Act and these Regulations.

SCHEDULE 1  
FORM A  
*Application for registration*

*Regulation 4*

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SPORTS ACT  
**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF NATIONAL SPORTS  
ASSOCIATION**

To **The General Secretary  
National Council of Sports**

**PART I: PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT**

- (a) Name: .....
- (b) Physical address:  
.....
- (c) Postal address:  
.....
- (d) Telephone (fixed line): .
- (e) Mobile phone:.....
- (f) Fax: .....
- (g) E-mail address:.....

**PART II: NATURE OF SPORT**

- (a) The Association promotes and supervises:  
.....  
..... (indicate the sport)
- (b) Coverage of Sports activity
  - (i) Nationwide .....
  - (ii) District (specify which districts).  
Regional (specify which region)  
Other (specify)

**PART III: LEGAL STATUS OF APPLICANT**

(a) The Association is registered or incorporated in Uganda as:

(b) Date of registration or incorporation

*(Attach certificate of incorporation or other document relating to the establishment , where applicable)*

**PART IV: PARTICULARS OF GOVERNANCE**

Describe the governance structure of the association

**PART IV: AFFILIATIONS**

The Association is affiliated to the following bodies:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ | Date of affiliation

2.

3.

4.

5.

*Attach evidence/documents relating to affiliation*

Authorised signature and seal of applicant

Name	Signature
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Dated this.	.day of..	.20.
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FORM B  
*Certificate of recognition*

Regulation 8

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SPORTS ACT  
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTS  
ASSOCIATION

This is to certify that .....(*insert name of sports association*) is recognized by the Council as the national sports association for..... (*insert name of sport*)

Dated this                      day of                      ....., 20

GENERAL SECRETARY

MAJ. (RTD) JESSICA ALUPO EPEL ROSE (MP),  
*Minister of Education and Sports.*